

CHEROKEE COUNTY

ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/CHALLENGED BALLOT

**OFFICIAL GENERAL MUNICIPAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

To vote, blacken the Oval (●) next to the candidate of your choice. To vote for a person whose name is not on the ballot, manually WRITE his or her name in the write-in section and blacken the Oval (●) next to the write-in section. If you desire to vote YES or NO for a PROPOSED QUESTION, blacken the corresponding Oval (●). Use only blue or black pen or pencil.

Do not vote for more candidates than the number allowed for each specific office. Do not cross out or erase. If you erase or make other marks on the ballot or tear the ballot, your vote may not count.

If you change your mind or make a mistake, you may return the ballot by writing "Spoiled" across the face of the ballot and return envelope. You may then mail the spoiled ballot back to your county board of registrars, and you will be issued another official absentee ballot. Alternatively, you may surrender the ballot to the poll manager of an early voting site within your county or the precinct to which you are assigned. You will then be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

"I understand that the offer or acceptance of money or any other object of value to vote for any particular candidate, list of candidates, issue, or list of issues included in this election constitutes an act of voter fraud and is a felony under Georgia law." [OCGA 21-2-285(h) and 21-2-383(a)]

SPECIAL ELECTION

**To Reimpose the Existing One (1%) Percent
Special Purpose Local Option Sales and Use Tax
for Certain Capital Projects**
(Vote for One)

Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be reimposed in the special district of Cherokee County for a period of time not to exceed 24 calendar quarters and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$252,961,892 for the following purposes pursuant to an Intergovernmental Sales Tax Agreement, dated as of July 18, 2017, among Cherokee County, Georgia (the "County"), the City of Ball Ground ("Ball Ground"), the City of Canton ("Canton"), the City of Holly Springs ("Holly Springs"), the City of Mountain Park ("Mountain Park"), the City of Nelson ("Nelson"), the City of Waleska ("Waleska"), and the City of Woodstock ("Woodstock"):

(a) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by the County (the "County Projects"): (1) Jail Expansion and Improvements, (2) Transportation Infrastructure, Facilities, Equipment, and Improvements, and Airport Facilities, Equipment, Improvements, & Expansion, (3) Parks and Recreation Facilities, Equipment, and Improvements, (4) Court Facilities, Equipment, Improvements, and Expansion, (5) Business & Economic Development Land Acquisition, Infrastructure, and Facilities (6) Fire & Emergency Services Facilities, Vehicles and Equipment, (7) Animal Control and County Marshal Vehicles and Equipment, (8) Emergency Communications Center and Communications System Improvements, and (9) Law Enforcement Vehicles, Equipment and Facilities; (b) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Ball Ground: (1) City Hall Debt Service, (2) Valley Street Debt Service, (3) Water and Sewer System Improvements to Include Purchase of Capacity, (4) Law Enforcement Facilities, Vehicles, Equipment, and Emergency Communications System Improvements and Equipment, (5) Transportation Facilities and Improvements, (6) Community Center, Parks, Recreation, and (7) Debt Service for Such Projects; (c) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Canton: (1) Transportation Facilities (streets, drainage, sidewalks, parking facilities, utility relocation, etc.), Equipment and Improvements, (2) Park and Recreation Facilities, (3) Communications & Technology, (4) General Government Buildings and Equipment, (5) Economic Development (property acquisition, equipment, facility improvements and construction), and (6) Debt service for Such Projects; (d) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Holly Springs: (1) Transportation Facilities, and Improvements, (2) Public Safety Vehicles, and Equipment, (3) Emergency Communications System Improvements and Equipment, (4) Park and Recreation Facilities, (5) Public Works and Fleet Vehicles and Equipment, (6) General Government Buildings, and (7) Debt Service for Such Projects; (e) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Mountain Park: (1) Public Safety, Streets, and Drainage; (f) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Nelson: (1) Government Buildings, Facilities, Vehicles, Equipment and Improvements, (2) Emergency Communications System Improvements, (3) Transportation Facilities, Vehicles, Equipment and Improvements, and (4) Park and Recreation Facilities, Equipment, and Improvements; (g) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Waleska: (1) Utility Systems Infrastructure, Facilities, Improvements, Equipment, and Related Debt Service for Such Projects, (2) General Government Buildings, Public Buildings and Improvements, (3) Emergency Communications System Improvements and Equipment, (4) Transportation Facilities, Equipment, and Improvements, and (5) Fleet Vehicles & Equipment; (h) capital outlay projects to be owned or operated or both by Woodstock: (1) Communications & Technology, (2) Parking Deck & Other Parking Improvements, (3) Public Works, (4) Parks and Recreation, (5) Public Safety, (6) Water/Sewer, and (7) Debt Service for Such Projects?

YES

NO