

# ELECTIONS BC

## News Release

For Immediate Release

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### **A By-Election has been called for Thursday, October 28, 2004**

**Victoria** – A by-election will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2004, to elect a new Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district.

The seat became vacant when Liberal MLA Gulzar Cheema resigned on May 23, 2004. Under the *Constitution Act*, the Premier must call a by-election within six months of a seat becoming vacant.

Residents of the Surrey-Panorama Ridge electoral district can register to vote if they will be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day, are a Canadian citizen and have resided in British Columbia for the past six months. Voters may register, update or confirm their registration by visiting Elections BC's Web site at [www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca) or by calling toll-free at 1-800-661-8683. The voter registration deadline for the Surrey-Panorama Ridge by-election is Thursday, October 7, 2004. Qualified individuals who miss the registration deadline can register in conjunction with voting.

Advance Voting will be from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Wednesday, October 20 through Saturday, October 23. Voters are advised to check their local papers for Advance Voting locations, or contact Elections BC.

Registered voters will receive a Where to Vote Information Card in the mail prior to the start of Advance Voting. Voters who will be out of the electoral district during Advance Voting or on General Voting Day can contact their District Electoral Officer for other voting options.

Elections BC is the non-partisan Office of the Legislature responsible for ensuring fair and impartial election administration in accordance with the provisions of the *Election Act*.

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