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**USC SCHWARZENEGGER INTITUTE'S DEMOCRACY GRANTS INITIATIVE AWARD AND
CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE GRANT AWARD FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS VOTING
PLANS IN CAMERON COUNTY**

On September 29, 2020, Cameron County and the Cameron County Elections and Voter Registration Department was awarded the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy Grant on behalf of Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger with a total of \$250,973,66 to support Cameron County's nonpartisan efforts to increase voter access and polling operations in the upcoming 2020 elections. Former Governor Schwarzenegger briefly joined the Commissioners' Court meeting this morning and provided remarks.

The submitted application was reviewed by a committee of experts including USC faculty who determined that the indicated plans and needs for Cameron County merited an award. Cameron County was the first award recipient of Governor Schwarzenegger's Democracy Grants Initiative.

On September 24, 2020, Cameron County and the Cameron County Elections and Voter Registration Department was awarded the Center for Tech and Civic Life "CTCL" grant with a total of \$1,853,729.00 to support the work of Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr. and the Cameron County Commissioners' Court for the public purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure elections in the upcoming 2020 elections in Cameron County.

"Governor Schwarzenegger, as we spoke today during Commissioner's Court, I want to thank you for the award and the trust given to our County for the upcoming plans that we have in place for a successful and safe voting in the 2020 elections. Governor Schwarzenegger was invited to visit Cameron County and agreed to visit in the future saying "I'll accept and I'll Be Back." Furthermore, Thank You to Ms. Tiana Epps Johnson, Executive Director for the Center for Tech and Civic Life, for the award that will support the upcoming election endeavors for our County. On behalf of the Cameron County Commissioners' Court, I want to commend our Elections and Voter Registration Department for the exceptional achievements and funding received for our County," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

"This country gave me everything. I am a fanatic about our democracy and donating my money to expand voting access is one of the best investments I can make. I can't wait to visit Cameron County and I hope Judge Treviño is ready to show me the best places for boots and BBQ, two of my favorite things," stated Former California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.



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