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**CHIEF MINISTER URGES EVERYONE TO VOTE**

In the final hours before the opening of the by-election polling stations, the Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo, has encouraged everyone to use their vote in the by-election to fill the seat vacated upon the death of the Hon Charles Bruzon.

‘Of course I would like people to vote for my particular candidate but I think that it’s important for everyone to play their part in the democratic process, whoever they may vote for, by casting a vote for one of the four candidates or a blank vote.’

‘Gibraltar’s democracy can only be strengthened by a good turnout – no matter who wins in the end,’ he added.