## NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

June 22, 2018

To all Local Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

Each year, members of Local Spiritual Assemblies have the privilege of casting their ballots for their respective Regional Bahá'í Council. The meeting at which this balloting takes place should be scheduled several weeks prior to the Day of the Covenant, November 26, to allow for the announcement of the election results to be made on that auspicious day.

This year, meetings for the purpose of casting ballots for Council membership may be set by Local Spiritual Assemblies for any time from Monday, October 15, through Sunday, October 21; the envelope conveying the ballots to the Chief Teller for your respective region should be postmarked no later than Monday, October 22 to ensure its arrival in time for the telling weekend. Please remember that the election call and ballots must be sent to each individual Assembly member a minimum of 15 days before the election meeting.

Your Regional Bahá'í Council election materials will arrive by early October. You are encouraged now to designate the time when your Spiritual Assembly will meet for this important election. The National Spiritual Assembly asks that every member of your institution commit to participating in this meeting and to casting a ballot.

Be assured of our abiding love and of our prayers that the Blessed Beauty may ever guide and sustain you in your efforts on the path of service to His Cause.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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Secretary

cc: Continental Counselors residing in the United States Regional Bahá'í Councils