



BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION HELD TOMORROW

(Columbus) Franklin County voters head to the polls tomorrow for the Nov. 6, 2007 General Election with judges and a senior citizens' levy on the countywide ballot and candidates for mayor, city council, township office, and school board- plus tax levies and liquor options- before voters in local elections.

"We're projecting a 26 percent turnout, based upon previous municipal-year elections with similar contests and issues," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Matt Damschroder. "Turnout in gubernatorial and presidential election years is much larger, but this is an important election nonetheless. We urge everyone eligible to cast their ballot tomorrow."

More than 775,000 are registered to vote in Franklin County. Dennis White, Deputy Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, encouraged voters to find their polling place by using the board's Web site, <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or by calling the board's automated phone system at (614) 462-3100.

"It's important for voters to verify their correct voting location before Election Day," White said. Sample ballots are also available on the Web site.

Voters are reminded to carry identification to the polls. Ohio law requires everyone to first present their Ohio driver's license or another form of identification, such as a utility bill, financial statement, paycheck, or a government-issued document, with their name and current address. Those without documentation will be permitted to vote a provisional ballot using the last four digits of their Social Security number as identification.

Nearly 30,000 voters, about 15 percent of those expected to vote in this election, have requested absentee ballots to vote by mail or in person at the board of elections. Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the board by 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, including those sent by mail. Extended absentee deadlines are available to military personnel and their families and other U.S. citizens living abroad. Their ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 6 and returned to the board by Nov. 16.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Results will be posted on the board's Web site shortly after the polls close and will be updated in real-time throughout the evening.

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