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RECOUNTS OF NOV. 6 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS BEGIN TODAY

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections began recounts this morning of results from the Nov. 6, 2007 General Election and also announced that one previously announced recount will not occur due to the request from a losing candidate to stop it.

Jeff Cabot finished fifth in a field of four candidates elected to the Columbus Board of Education and was entitled to an automatic recount under Ohio law because he trailed the next highest candidate by less than half a percentage point. Cabot asked the board in a recent letter to stop the recount before it commenced saying, "I have complete confidence in your ability to manage elections, and in the accuracy of your official results. I do not expect that a recount would change the result, and I do not want you to spend the money on a recount effort." Board Director Matt Damschroder estimates the county will save more than $1,000 in related overtime costs.

Recounts in the elections for Urbancrest mayor, Upper Arlington City Council, and Bexley Board of Education are taking place today with recounts for city council in Dublin and Reynoldsburg Ward One scheduled for tomorrow. Recount totals will be announced upon certification by the board of elections scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

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