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Candidates and Issues Certified for May Primary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified candidates and issues for the May 3 primary election this afternoon and also placed other candidates without primary opposition on the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

Enough candidates were certified to require contested primaries in three municipal elections:

- A non- partisan primary involving 11 candidates for city council in Columbus. The top eight finishers advance to the general election.
- A partisan primary in Hilliard with five Republican candidates seeking their party's nomination for council. The top three will advance to the general election.
- A partisan primary in Reynoldsburg is required under the city charter to nominate all party candidates. There will be one contested election involving two Republicans in ward one for city council.

The field of candidates was not large enough to require primaries for Columbus mayor and Columbus board of education or in Gahanna and Whitehall municipal races. Candidates for Franklin County Municipal Court are nominated by petition and will not appear on the primary ballot.

School levies will be on local ballots in the Canal Winchester, Gahanna-Jefferson and Hilliard school districts. Some Franklin County precincts will carry levies from overlapping counties for the Jonathan Alder, Licking Heights and Olentangy Local School Districts. Voters will be asked to approve a police levy in Madison Township, a fire levy in Mifflin Township, a police levy in the Mifflin Township police district, and a levy for the New Albany Plain Local Joint Park District. Five Columbus liquor options will be on primary ballots in their precincts.

Eleven candidates and one Columbus liquor option were denied certification by the board of elections due to insufficient signatures or other problems with their nominating petitions. Petitioners have five days to appeal the board's ruling.

The board of elections also referred a case of potential election falsification to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office.

A complete list of certified candidates and issues will be posted on the board of elections Web site at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

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