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Franklin County Absentee Ballot Requests Top 100,000

(Columbus) Requests to vote absentee by mail in Franklin County reached six figures this morning with 100,404 applications for ballots received by the board of elections. In- person absentee voting begins one week from today.

The county is nearing the record demand for absentee ballots reached in the 2008 general election when more than 130,000 absentee requests were received by the first day of the early voting period.

The latest totals show the following requests by party registration and unaffiliated voters:

Constitution: 3
Democrat: 17,012
Green: 81
Libertarian: 191
Republican: 22,331
Unaffiliated: 60,786

Absentee voting begins Oct. 2 with ballots being mailed to voters who've requested them and early voting starting at this year's site for in-person absentee voting, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus.

The board of elections will register voters at the early vote site from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 28. Voters must be registered by Oct. 9 to be eligible for the general election.

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