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Board of Elections Completes Certification for General Election Adds Three Candidates and Two Liquor Options to Ballot Today

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections completed certification for the Nov. 8, 2011 general election today certifying two additional write-in candidates while granting appeals to add a third candidate and two liquor options to the ballot.

Charles R. Paugh will run as a write-in for the Columbus School District Board of Education and John. S. Stewart as a write-in for Gahanna City Council Ward Four.

Another fourth ward candidate for Gahanna City Council, Beryl D. Anderson, was certified on appeal after board staff found an additional valid signature needed for certification. Additional signatures were also found under an appeal to certify a Sunday sales liquor option for Macias Allegre, located at 6211 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus and for a weekday sales option for Hidden Lakes Vineyard and Winery, 650 Winchester Pike, Canal Winchester.

Appeals also were also denied today for seven candidates and a liquor option that were not certified at an earlier board meeting due to a lack of valid signatures or other problems.

The candidates advancing to the ballot today join others certified by the August 22 filing deadline for issues and for candidates other than write-ins. Write-in candidates had faced an Aug. 29 filing deadline. A complete list of candidates and issues certified for the general election will be posted on the Web at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

The board of elections also voted to remain open on two officially recognized county holidays, Columbus Day, Monday Oct. 10 and Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, to deal with pre and post general election issues.

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