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Board of Elections Certifies Candidates and Issues for Franklin County Primary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified candidates and issues for the May 7 primary election today. Candidates with no primary opponent were advanced to the general election in November.

Primaries will be held in three municipal elections and for Columbus School Board.

- A non-partisan primary with seven candidates for Columbus City Council. The top six advance to the general election.
- A Republican primary with six candidates for Hilliard City Council. The top four advance to the general election.
- A Republican primary with six candidates for Reynoldsburg City Council. The top three advance to the general election.
- A non-partisan primary with seven candidates for Columbus School Board. The top six advance to the general election.

The number of candidates was not large enough to require a primary for Whitehall City Council. Candidates for Franklin County Municipal Court are nominated by petition and will not be on the primary ballot.

Special elections for 12 issues will appear on local ballots throughout the county. There will be a proposed city income tax increase in Gahanna, a levy in the Groveport Madison Local School District, a Licking Heights school levy and a levy for Madison-Plains Local Schools. Voters will also see fire protection levies in Franklin, Jefferson and Norwich Townships, a bond issue for golf course improvements in Minerva Park, electric and gas aggregation questions in Madison Township, an electric aggregation plan for Prairie Township and a proposed tax increase in the Village of Lithopolis. There will be five liquor options on local ballots.

One liquor option in Westerville, seven candidates for Columbus School Board and two for Whitehall City Council, were not certified because of insufficient signatures or other problems with their petitions. Unsuccessful petitioners have five days to appeal the board's ruling.

A complete list of certified candidates and issues will be posted online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

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