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Democrat Election Judges Needed for Hilliard Precincts

(Columbus)-- The Franklin County Board of Elections issued an appeal today for registered Democrats to work as Presiding Judges in Hilliard polling places May 8. Twenty-one precincts will be open as Hilliard voters decide uncontested primaries for City Council and an unopposed candidate for mayor.

"The dramatic shift in the dominant political party in most of our precincts has caused us to scramble to get new Democrat presiding judges," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Matt Damschroder. "At this point, we have fewer than half of the Democrat presiding judges we need to run the May 8 Primary Election in Hilliard."

Presiding Judges hail from the political party whose candidate for Governor carried the precinct in the 2006 Gubernatorial Election. They are in charge of the precinct and are responsible for collecting election supplies such as poll books from the board of elections, delivering them to their polling place and returning them to the board immediately after the polls close. Presiding Judges and other precinct election officials need not live in the precinct to which they are assigned to work on Election Day. They will be paid \$95 for the day, another \$50 for taking a four hour course between now and Election Day and \$15 for transportation costs. Anyone interested should contact Renee Klco, manager of precinct election officials, at 462-5352.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Franklin County for the May 8 Primary/Special Election. A 10 percent turnout is projected due to the absence of a countywide issue on the ballot. In addition to Hilliard, voters in Gahanna, Reynoldsburg, Upper Arlington, Whitehall, Jefferson, Mifflin and Truro Townships and the New Albany Plain Local School District will also decide local issues.

To find the location of your polling place, visit the Franklin County Board of Elections Web site at <u>http://www.co.franklin.oh.us/boe/</u> or call the Franklin County Board of Elections at 461-3100.

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