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FRANKLIN COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION HELD TOMORROW

(Columbus) Franklin County election officials are predicting a record turnout for tomorrow's primary election with at least 40 percent of the county's 782,000 voters casting ballots to nominate candidates for president, Congress, the General Assembly, county offices, and Democratic and Republican party committee seats in addition to issues including a countywide levy to fund services for the mentally retarded.

The projected turnout is based on the prospect of Ohio playing a pivotal role in the presidential campaign and on a record demand for absentee ballots in Franklin County. More than 115 thousand voters requested absentee ballots this year compared to some 93,000 in the Nov. 2006 election for governor.

"We encourage anyone planning to vote tomorrow to visit our Web site, <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or call us at (614) 462-3100 if they don't know the location of their polling place," said board of elections director Dennis White. "Sample ballots are also available online for voters who want to familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues before they go to vote."

We'll also have provisional voting here at the board of elections for voters who've changed their name or address since the last election without notifying us. Many provisional voters find it's easier to come here than trying to find a new precinct at the last minute," White added.

Eight hundred fifty-four precincts will be open throughout the county. Voters are reminded to take identification with them to the polls. Ohio law requires everyone to present their Ohio driver's license or another form of identification bearing their current name and address such as a copy of a utility bill, paycheck, or government document. An Ohio driver's license or state identification card displaying a previous address is a valid form of identification to vote so long as the address appearing in the poll book is the voter's current residence. Those without proper identification will be permitted to vote a provisional ballot using the last four digits of their Social Security number as identification.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Results will be posted on the board's Web site shortly after the polls close and will be updated in real-time throughout the evening.

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