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Pre-Election Mailings Urge Absentee Voting

(Columbus) Important information about the Nov. 4, 2008 general election, including an application to vote absentee by mail, is being mailed to 650,000 registered voters in Franklin County today.

The mailing is the 60-day notice required under Ohio law to alert voters of the next election, their polling location and the identification required to vote on Election Day. It also includes an application to serve as a poll worker and a postage paid application Franklin County voters can return to the board of elections to request an absentee ballot by mail.

“We expect record turnout for November 4 and are encouraging as many people as possible to request and cast absentee ballots by mail,” said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano. He added Franklin County also is paying the return postage for both the absentee ballot application and the voted absentee ballot.

“Voting absentee by mail guarantees that you won’t stand in line to vote,” added Deputy Director Matt Damschroder. “We urge everyone interested to apply for an absentee ballot as soon as possible to avoid a last minute rush.”

Absentee applications must arrive at the board of elections by noon on Nov. 1. Voted ballots must be returned by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, or postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by Nov. 14. Out-of-country civilian and military ballots also face a Nov. 14 deadline.

In addition to providing for mail-in absentee voting, Franklin County will offer expanded hours for in-person absentee voting. Daily voting is scheduled from Sept. 30 to Nov. 3 at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 300 West Broad Street, Columbus and will run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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