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Franklin County Sets Local Record for Absentee Ballot Requests

(Columbus) The demand for general election absentee ballots in Franklin County is at 117,500 and counting.

The latest total announced this morning is an all time high, passing the previous record of 103,000 absentee ballots requested for the November 2006 general election in a fraction of the time. Although Franklin County voters are urged to apply as early as possible, mail-in absentee ballot applications must be received by noon on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Absentee applications were mailed to 650,000 registered Franklin County on Sept. 5. Voters are asked to provide their name, address and either their Ohio driver's license number or last four digits of their Social Security number to receive a ballot by mail. Ballots will be mailed beginning Sept. 30, the first day of the absentee voting period in Ohio.

More than 200,000 voters or nearly a third of those registered in Franklin County, are projected to vote absentee this fall.

"We've been saying that voting by mail guarantees you won't stand in line to cast a ballot and voters are listening," said board of elections Director Michael Stinziano. "We're well on our way to reaching the 200,000 mark at this pace."

"We've launched our television and radio ad campaign to promote absentee voting," added Deputy Director Matt Damschroder. "That will remind many voters who've yet to respond to call, go online, or visit their local library to obtain an application to vote early by mail."

Voters can request an absentee application in person at the board of elections at 280 East Broad Street, Columbus or by calling 462-3100. Forms are also available online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> and at public libraries.

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