



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Michael Stinziano, Director, Matthew Damschroder, Deputy Director

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### Director Michael Stinziano to Resign From Board of Elections

**(Columbus)** Franklin County Board of Elections Director Michael Stinziano, a Democrat, has announced his intention to resign from the board in February to pursue elected office this fall.

A replacement will be named at the board's reorganization meeting on March 6. Stinziano has served as director since 2008.

"The privilege to serve the voters of Franklin County as director of the board of elections is an opportunity I reflect upon with great fondness," Stinziano said. "Working in tandem and cultivating a bipartisan team administering some of Franklin County's largest and most successful elections is why so many accomplishments were achieved these past couple of years and why I will now pursue the opportunity to serve Ohioans in another capacity."

"Our accomplishments include managing significant changes to our administration of elections and achieving nothing but improvements in all areas of the organization of our elections. Although additional modernization and updating is needed to state law, voters should be proud that the reliability of elections in Franklin County are and should remain accessible, fair and open."

Stinziano is an attorney and will transition into private practice while pursuing elected office.

"Boards of elections are a special place in their construction and administration and I leave knowing that a solid foundation is in place for the challenges election administrators face. Budgets remain tight, but an obligation to communicating with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and providing public access and accountability drive our board's ongoing transformation."

The Franklin County Board of Elections consists of a bipartisan director and deputy director whose terms are statutorily reorganized during March in even numbered years.

During Stinziano's tenure, the board administered an August Special Election and the largest presidential and odd year election turnouts in Franklin County history.

The Franklin County Board of Elections serves more than 800,000 registered voters making it one of the 25 largest election jurisdictions in the country.

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