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Recounts Uphold General Election Results

(Columbus) Two recounts conducted by the Franklin County Board of Elections today have upheld certified results from the Nov. 8, 2011 general election for Gahanna City Council and Groveport Mayor.

Brandon Wright remains the winner among three candidates for a council race in Gahanna's second ward. The other recount confirms Lance Westcamp as winner of the mayoral contest in Groveport. Wright lost one vote in the Gahanna Council recount while the second and third place finishers each lost five. Westcamp lost a single vote in the Groveport recount. Changes in each recount occurred among absentee ballots cast on paper.

Recounted results are as follows:

Gahanna Council Ward Two

Brandon Wright	896	36.99%
Michael Schnetzer	883	36.46%
Joseph Gergley	643	26.55%

Groveport Mayor

Lance Westcamp	942	50.32%
David Gale	930	49.68%

The Gahanna recount was required under state law because that election was decided by a half percent or less of votes cast. Challenger David Gale filed for the recount in Groveport after losing the mayor's race by more than the margin needed for an automatic recount.

The board of elections will certify recount results at its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m.

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