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General Election Sample Ballots Online

(Columbus) Absentee voting for the Nov. 4 general election is a few weeks away, but Franklin County voters can get a look at the candidates and issues they'll see on their ballots as of today. Sample ballots for every precinct are posted on the Franklin County Board of Elections [Web](#) site.

The link connects to a search engine where voters enter their name, house number and birth year or just their address to see the ballot they'll receive by mail or in-person when they vote in the general election. It can also give voters a heads up to possible problems with their registration. If the site produces no result or shows an old address, it may mean that the voter needs to update their information to cast a regular ballot in the election.

"This has been a popular feature on our Web site over the years and we encourage voters who've never used it to take advantage of it," board of elections Director Bill Anthony said. "Sample ballots make voting easier, especially when voters get the chance to see complex language on tax levies and bond issues before they cast a real ballot."

"Sample ballots can be an important time saver at the polls," added Deputy Director Dana Walch. "We want voters to make informed decisions without feeling rushed and that's more likely to happen when they've already taken a look at the ballot they'll see at our early vote center or at their regular polling place on Election Day.

Voters have until Oct. 6 to register for the general election.

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