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Franklin County Board of Elections Determines 49,669 Voters Received Inaccurate Ballots; Board Will Send Corrected Ballots

(Columbus) The Board of Elections and vendor BlueCrest determined that 49,669 voters received an inaccurate ballot. Those ballots were part of 237,498 mailed through the United States Postal Service. The Board's primary goal is to have all 49,669 impacted voters cast their correct ballot.

The board has already begun the process to print, stuff, and mail the 49,669 replacement ballots and expect them to be sent to the United States Postal Service within 72 hours for delivery. Additionally, while the replacement ballots are processed, the board will mail informational postcards to all impacted voters that detail the situation and highlight the voter's multiple voting options moving forward.

We want to make it clear that **every voter who received an inaccurate ballot will receive a corrected ballot.** Stringent tracking measures are in place to guarantee that a voter can only cast one vote. That process includes the following steps:

- Redundancies are built into our system to ensure every voter is allotted only one voted ballot
- Sorting systems will drop out and not accept any replacement ballots that are submitted if a voter has already voted in person
- Nightly runs are issued to check all incoming ballots against earlier submissions or a vote cast in person
- Election Day voting of anyone who has an active absentee ballot **MUST** vote provisionally

Voters who do not want to wait for a replacement ballot to be mailed can vote at the in-person early voter center at 1700 Morse Road, Columbus. See hours on our website at vote.franklincountyohio.gov. Voters that vote in-person at the Early Vote Center will be able to vote a regular ballot, not a provisional ballot.

The Franklin County Board of Elections would like to thank the voters of Franklin County for their patience as we strive to fulfill our goal to administer safe, fair, impartial and accurate elections.

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