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Franklin County Only General Election Results Certified Hilliard Levy Wins, Gahanna Council Recount Scheduled

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified results of the Nov. 8, 2011 general election today.

Certified totals for Franklin County only show 336,526 of 750,497 registered voters casting ballots—a turnout of 44.84 percent. This includes 79,961 voting absentee by mail or in person at the board of elections and 9,202 casting valid provisional ballots.

Results include voters approving a 5.9 mill tax levy for Hilliard City Schools. The issue gained 218 votes to win by 210 votes -15,214 to 15,004- after trailing by eight votes in unofficial election night totals. The votes for and against the issue are not within a half percentage point or less margin needed to trigger an automatic recount.

One contest, an election for Gahanna City Council, is within the mandatory recount margin. Brandon Wright leads Michael Schnetzer in Ward Two by 897 to 888 votes - a nine vote difference. Schnetzer had led by five votes in unofficial election night totals. The recount will be conducted Wednesday, Nov. 30 beginning at 9 a.m.

Official results will be posted on the Web at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>

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