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Payne Named Deputy Director at Board of Elections

(Columbus) David R. Payne, an elections professional with nearly thirty years' experience in state government and as a campaign consultant for Republican candidates in Ohio and elsewhere, was named Deputy Director by the Franklin County Board of Elections today. He succeeds Dana Walch who recently resigned after three years with the board to join a political consulting firm in Nevada.

Payne will team with board of elections Director Bill Anthony, a Democrat, to oversee the county's election jurisdiction of more than 800,000 voters.

Payne comes to the board of elections from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services where he has served since 2012 as chief of staff to coordinate the day-to-day operations of an 800 employee state agency regarded as the business office of state government. He previously served as Chief of Parks for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and has managed a number of other state offices; Payne also managed the re-election campaign of Ohio Governor Bob Taft in 2002 and served as Victory Director coordinating campaign mailings and voter turnout efforts in Ohio for the re-election of President George W. Bush in 2004.

Payne is a 1987 graduate of Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. He and his wife Karen live in New Albany and have two daughters.

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