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Board of Elections Releases Absentee Statistics for November 7, 2017 General Election

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HAMILTON, OH: The Butler County Board of Elections mailed 1,400 ballots to voters on the first day of early voting in the November 7, 2017 General Election and has sent over 1,700 more since. Vote-by-mail requests are driving up over all early voting turn out, which is up 46 percent over the same point in the November 2015 general election cycle. A total of 4,173 ballots have been requested, including vote-by-mail ballots, in-person voting, Uniformed Military and Overseas Citizens ballots and nursing home residents.

"We saw a significant jump in vote-by-mail requests in the first week of early voting," noted Director Diane Noonan. "Voter interest continues to trend higher for this November's election."

Absentee and Vote-By-Mail Requests Received in the November 7, 2017 General Election by the Numbers:

As of October 18, 2017 (20 days before the election):

- 4,173 Total Absentee Ballot Requests Received, including:
 - o 700 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 2,335 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 1,138 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 490 In-person voting
 - 141 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 290 Registered Republican voter requests
 - 59 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 3,144 vote-by-mail ballot requests
 - 428 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - 1,893 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 823 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 37 Uniformed Military and Overseas Citizens ballot requests
 - 7 Registered Democratic voter requests

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- o 7 Registered Republican voter requests
- o 23 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 497 Nursing Home resident ballot requests
 - o 124 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - 141 Registered Republican voter requests
 - 232 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests

As of October 14, 2015 (20 days before the November 2015 general election):

- 2,904 Total Absentee Ballot Requests Received, including:
 - 424 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 1,211 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 1,269 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 584 In-person voting
 - o 129 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 281 Registered Republican voter requests
 - 174 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 1,831 vote-by-mail ballot requests
 - o 198 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 798 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 835 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 38 Uniformed Military and Overseas Citizens ballot requests
 - 5 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 10 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 23 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests
- 427 Nursing Home resident ballot requests
 - o 89 Registered Democratic voter requests
 - o 107 Registered Republican voter requests
 - o 231 Unaffiliated or Minor Party voter requests

Voters do not need to state a reason to vote early or by mail in Ohio. Voters may request a vote-by-mail ballot by submitting an application before Noon on Saturday, November 4. Applications must contain the voter's name, current address (and mailing address where the ballot should be sent), date of birth, identification such as an Ohio Driver's License number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, and the election date. The voter must then sign the application. Voters may download a vote-by-mail application by visiting the Board of Elections website at buttlercountyelections.org. Applications may be hand delivered or mailed to 1802 Princeton Road, Suite 600, Hamilton, OH 45011.

Voters may also cast their ballot in person at the Board of Elections office beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, October 11. The Board will be open from 8:00am – 5:00pm. For a complete list of hours for early voting, please visit butlercountyelections.org/how_do_i_vote_early

Voters casting a ballot by mail must return their ballots with a postmark dated no later than Monday, November 6. Voters may also bring their ballot to the Board of Elections office by 7:30pm on Election Day, November 7, 2017.