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TENS OF THOUSANDS OF VOTERS RESPOND TO THE VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION MAILING

Over 30,000 people have submitted Vote by Mail ballot applications for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. At this time prior to the 2012 Presidential Election only 15,000 people had submitted Vote by Mail ballot applications.

“We are well ahead of our expectations and received our first large batch of Vote by Mail ballot applications today,” said Pat McDonald the Director of the Board of Elections. “We expect them to continue arriving daily by the thousands. I am excited to be off to a good start as we encourage people to Vote by Mail in major elections because it is convenient and eases Election Day congestion at the polls,” said McDonald. Voting by mail also allows additional time to study the ballot and eliminates the risk of missing the election for any reason.

The bulk of ballot applications are the result of the Ohio Secretary of State mailing ballot applications to all of Ohio’s registered voters. The Board of Elections expects close to 220,000 people to Vote by Mail.

People who may not have received the state application can obtain their Vote by Mail applications at all public libraries, online at www.443VOTE.com or by calling the Board at (216) 443-VOTE (8683).

There will be another statewide mass ballot application mailing following the close of voter registration on October 11, 2016 for those voters who have recently registered or updated their registration.

The Board will begin mailing ballots to voters on October 12th the official opening of Vote by Mail and early voting.

“The Board has a special service for voters that reinforces the safety and security of voting by mail. I urge everyone with an electronic device to sign up for VoterNotify on our website. VoterNotify allows us to communicate with voters through emails and/or text messages,” said McDonald.

The VoterNotify messages include: confirmation the Board has mailed out and received each individual’s ballot, reminds voters of important deadlines, and informs them that they may vote early or on Election Day.

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