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VOTER INTEREST IS HIGH FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

(Cleveland) – Vote by mail and early voting in the November 6, 2018 General Election is running higher than during the last mid-term Election in 2014 when turnout reached 40%. “Based on vote by mail and early voting activity, we are looking at election turnout of 48% to 50%,” said Pat McDonald the Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. “I hope people will help keep the momentum going by continuing to request vote by mail ballots and by voting early at the Board of Elections,” said McDonald.

The Board projects:
432,000 Total ballots cast
276,480 Election Day
155,520 Vote by mail (10% of requested ballots are normally not returned.)
7,000 early voters (included in the vote by mail total)

The current number of ballot requests is: 165,444 153,773: the number ballot requests in 2014
The current number of early voters: 3,491 1,141 in 2014 at this time before the Election

This is also the first time in 7 years that the voter registration roles have exceeded 900,000 in a November Election. “I want to thank all of the people who conducted, or took part in registration drives that resulted in thousands of new registered voters. This helped push the registration rolls to their historic levels,” said McDonald.

People who wish to cast a ballot by mail are encouraged to submit their vote by mail ballot applications as soon as possible. To request a ballot application visit: www.443vote.com, or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). They are also available at all public libraries.

Early voting is available on the following dates at these times:

Weekdays	through October 26th	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 27th	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Weekdays	October 29th to November 2nd	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	November 3rd	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	November 4th	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday	November 5th	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Board of Elections is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

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