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### **Turnout Light for Primary/Special Election in Franklin County**

**(Columbus)**— Voters in suburbs throughout Franklin County went to the polls today to decide tax levies and bond questions and nominate candidates for mayor and other municipal offices.

As forecast by the Board of Elections, turnout was light with 9.9 percent of eligible voters casting ballots. 11,744 and 1,083 voted at the polls and by absentee ballot, respectively. Another 173 cast provisional ballots. Only 153 of the county's 834 precincts were open for today's Primary and Special Election.

Hilliard, Gahanna, Reynoldsburg and Whitehall held nominating elections for mayor, city council, or city attorney. Fire protection levies were on the ballot in Jefferson and Truro Townships, for road repairs in Mifflin Township; for schools in Licking Heights, New Albany Plain Local and Pickerington, and for libraries operating funds and police and fire pensions in Upper Arlington.

"Primaries other than those for president or governor typically draw small turnouts," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Matt Damschroder. "The polls will be much busier in November when candidates for judge and a levy to benefit senior citizens will be on every ballot in the county." Winners of today's suburban primaries will also be on the ballot then in addition to candidates for mayor, city council and school board in Columbus, he added.

Election results are posted on the Franklin County Board of Election's Web site at <http://www.co.franklin.oh.us/boe>.

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