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DEMOCRATS NEEDED TO WORK THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER

(Columbus)—Franklin County Board of Elections Director Matt Damschroder and Deputy Director Dennis White appealed today for registered voters to serve as poll workers for the Nov. 6, 2007 General Election.

“As of this morning, 135 more Democrats are needed to serve as presiding judges in precincts throughout the county,” said Damschroder. “With just two weeks until the election, the need is urgent and critical to our ability to hold this fall’s election.” Poll workers of both parties, and registered voters presently unaffiliated with a political party, are also needed to fill remaining posts as precinct election officials in other capacities.

“State law requires that each presiding judge come from the political party that carried the precinct in the previous election for governor,” said White. “Democrats worked hard to win most Franklin County precincts in 2006. Now we need them to serve as presiding judges in those precincts Republicans had supervised in recent elections,” he added. Democratic Presiding Judges need not live in the precinct in which they are serving on Election Day.

Presiding Judges are required to take a four hour training course. The job entails picking up election supplies before Election Day and returning them to the Board of Elections after the polls close. They are paid \$160 to cover their service on Election Day, training and transportation costs.

Anyone registered to vote in Franklin County is eligible to serve as a poll worker. In addition to the need for Democrats to work as Presiding Judges, Republicans, Democrats, and unaffiliated voters are also needed to serve in other capacities at the polls, which require a two hour training course. All poll workers must be registered to vote in Franklin County, have their own reliable transportation, be willing to attend a training class, and work all of Election Day, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

Those interested are asked to register online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov> or call the Board of Elections at (614) 462-3100.

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