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Primary Election Results Certified No Recounts Necessary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified results of the May 5 primary election this morning.

The official totals show a turnout of 57,568 voters or 9.50 percent of those eligible. The numbers include 9,061 voting absentee in person or by mail and 712 casting valid provisional ballots. No recounts will be conducted.

The certified totals confirm Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott will face Columbus City Council President Andrew Ginther for Columbus mayor on the November ballot. Scott secured second place in the primary field defeating Terry Boyd by a margin near, but not within, the half percent difference required for a mandatory recount.

Candidate Brian Bainbridge waived what would have been a mandatory recount in his race for Columbus Board of Education against Jim Hunter. Hunter defeated Bainbridge by 76 votes, a margin within the state-mandated recount difference of a half percent, to become the last of eight school board candidates advancing to the general election ballot.

Today's certified totals are posted on our Web site at http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov

The general election will be held Nov. 3. Candidates for judge will be on the ballot countywide. Cities, villages and townships will elect candidates for municipal offices and school board and decide local liquor options.

Voters must be registered by Oct. 5 to be eligible for this election.

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