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Contact: Leona Agouridis, 727-2525

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October 11th is also the deadline for voters to update their voter registration record—particularly the residence address, which determines the contests in which a voter is eligible to cast a ballot. D.C. law requires that residents maintain a current residence address on their registration record in order to maintain their voting rights. Voters who have moved without providing their new address to the Board of Elections will not be eligible to cast a ballot on November 8th.

To change address, a registrant may use the Voter Registration Card that is issued to each voter by the Board. The card states the legal requirement to maintain a currrent address—and provides space on the back for the voter to enter an address change. When the voter mails the corrected card to the Board, a replacement card is issued showing the new address and providing the voter's new polling place location. A voter may also complete and mail the coupon shown below (which may be reproduced), or send any written notice that includes the necessary information (name, the new address, the old address, and signature).

VOTER'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM			
TO BE ELICIBLE TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 1988	PRIDIT HAVE		DATE OF BIRTH
YOU MUST BE RECISTERED TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS	HEN ADDRESS		
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For Information call 727-2525	DATE	VOTER'S SIGNATURE	78,674 0 4E

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