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NEWS RELEASE

From the D.C. Board of Elections  
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ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS FOR DISTRICT'S SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

Board of Elections Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. today outlined provisions for absentee voting by registered D.C. voters who cannot vote at the polls on Election Day, September 13th, because of age, disability, or travel—or in observance of the Jewish holiday, Rosh Hashanah, which also falls on September 13th.

District of Columbia voters may cast an absentee ballot either by mail or in person at the Board of Elections office.

Absentee Voting By Mail - Voters wishing to have an absentee ballot mailed to them must send a written request to the Board of Elections (1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 4). This request must reach the Board by **September 6th** and must include the following information: voter's name, voter's address, mailing address (if different), reason for voting absentee, and signature. Voters may use the same letter to request an absentee ballot for the November 8th Presidential Election as well.

Absentee Voting In Person - Voters may cast an absentee ballot in the Board's office in Room 7 of the District Building beginning Monday, August 29th. The office will be open Monday through Saturday through September 12th to accommodate absentee voters. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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The following contests will appear on the September City Council Primary ballot:

- ° At-Large Member of the D.C. Council
- ° Ward Two Member of the D.C. Council
- ° Ward Four Member of the D.C. Council
- ° Ward Seven Member of the D.C. Council
- ° Ward Eight Member of the D.C. Council

In the District's "closed primary system", participation in a primary election is limited to voters who are registered with one of the parties conducting a primary. On September 13th, only voters registered with the Democratic, Republican, or D.C. Statehood parties may cast a ballot in their party's election. Voters registered with no party affiliation ("independents") or with a minor party are not eligible to vote on September 13th.

Voter registration for the September Primary closes August 15th, and the Board's office in Room 7 of the District Building will be open until midnight on the 15th to accommodate voters rushing to meet this deadline.

D.C. residents may call 727-2525 twenty four hours a day to have a Mail Registration Application sent to their homes. However, those citizens wishing to meet the August 15th deadline should immediately pick up a registration application at any D.C. public library, fire house, or police station. Registration for the November 8th Presidential General Election closes October 11th.

For more information, the public may call 727-2525 weekdays, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.