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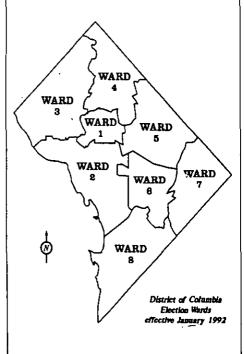
August 1996

# September 10th Primary Election Ballot

On September 10, 1996 the Board of Elections and Ethics will conduct a Primary election for the Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood and Umoja parties. The following offices will appear on the ballot:

At-Large Member of the D.C. Council Ward 2 Member of the D.C. Council Ward 4 Member of the D.C. Council Ward 7 Member of the D.C. Council Ward 8 Member of the D.C. Council U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative



Only voters registered with the Democratic, Republican, D.C. Statehood or Umoja parties are eligible to vote in the primary. Voters registered as independent will <u>not</u> be eligible to vote September 10th.

The candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the primary will become the party's nominee for the November 5th General Election. And along with any independent or minor party candidates — who gain access to the ballot directly by submitting nominating petitions — will be listed on the General Election ballot.



**Polling Place Information** 

# Precincts to get new telephones

Attention Precinct Captains!!!

In an effort to improve our election day communications network, we've decided to replace our aging precinct telephones with new telephone sets. The new sets will be given to you when you come to training.

If you kept your telephone election night please bring it with you to training, so we can exchange it for a new set.

For further information, contact Tony Bass on 727-2512.

#### A New Polling Place

The polling place for precinct 127 in Southwest has been changed.

Old Site: River Park Mutual Homes 1311 Delaware Avenue, SW

New Site: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M Street, SW (at 3rd St., SW) Voting Area - Fellowship Hall

## Executive Director Bids Farewell

I want to let the Precinct Captains, Poll Workers and Area Representatives many of whom I have been working with for years — know that I am leaving the Board of Elections this month after 12+ years as Executive Director. I will be starting a new job in the Corporate Management Division of Amtrak here in Washington, helping to "make the trains run on time".

In leaving, I want to sincerely congratulate all of you for the fine work you have done, and will be doing, to put democracy into action in the Nation's Capital. You are the best performing, best trained election workforce in the country, and the dedicated service you have put in over the years has built public confidence in our election system and has brought positive recognition to the Board of Elections. Thanks to you, voters in D.C. believe in the integrity of the electoral process and value the high quality services they receive at the polls on election day.

I know I can count on you to keep up the good work — and best of all I'll finally get to experience it myself, because for the first time in 12 years of working dawn to midnight on election day, *I will finally* be able to vote at the polls!

Good luck in the September Primary and November Presidential General Election, and all the best to everyone.

*Emmett H Fremaux, Jr.* BOEE Executive Director (1983 - 1996)

<u>Editor 's Note:</u>

The Board will conduct a national search for qualified candidates to fill the Executive Director's position on a permanent basis, and will shortly name an Acting Director to serve until the selection process is completed.

#### **Election Worker News**

# Recruitment and Training News

#### Precinct Captains Needed for the September Primary

The D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics is currently looking to recruit fifteen new Precinct Captains for the Primary election.

Experienced workers are preferred, but new workers with good organizational skills and excellent people skills will be considered. Interested persons must complete the Precinct Captain's Certification program which consists of a personal interview and completion of the Captain Trainees' training class with a passing grade of at least 80, on the Skills Evaluation Test.

Precinct Captains are paid \$125.00 per election, which includes attendance at two training sessions, polling place set-up and election day work.

Call 727-4555 for more information and to apply.

#### New Election Workers Still Needed for November

The Board has announced Friday, October 18, 1996 as the last day applications will be accepted to work in the November 5th General election.

To apply — interested persons can either pick up an application in our office or call 727-4555 to have an application mailed to them.

> Qualifications ----You must be a District resident, a registered voter and at least 18 years of age

Applicants must also complete the Board's Orientation program.

Orientation classes are currently being held and will continue through the end of October.

Did you know?

That pencil should <u>never</u> be used when completing election forms, always use a black or blue ink pen.

#### **Training Dates:**

August 3 - 24, 1996 Position training for new and experienced workers

To be eligible to work on election day — you must attend training.

Be sure to send in your completed Training Reservation Card to register for one of the training classes. Classes are offered in the morning, afternoon, evenings and on Saturday.

Send your reservation card in today!!

Pre-election briefings for Captains and Area Representatives will be held September 4 - 7, 1996.

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• 96% of the Ballot Accounting •
• Forms from the May 96 Primary •
• were correct.
• Congratulations!

#### Why Vote?

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How many times have you heard someone say, "One vote doesn't make a difference anyway".

Only about half of Americans vote when they can. That makes a *big* difference — people are letting their neighbors make all the decisions for them! Wouldn't you rather make your own decisions?

The U.S. began with the idea that people should govern themselves, but at first only white men who owned property could vote — poor people, women and blacks were not considered full citizens.

In 1870, men of races could vote. In 1920 women could vote and in 1971 the voting age was changed from 21 to 18. All of this took a lot of fighting. So be sure to use your right to vote!

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#### **Election Worker Services**

| Kathy Fairley |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Leslie Hatch  | 727-5691 |
| Info Line     | 727-4555 |

### Notes from the May Primary election ...

Some small errors were found when we reviewed the paperwork completed by each team, election night.

Take a moment and read over our notes:

#### **Ballot Accounting Form**

• Ballots Received at Precinct This section (#2) was not signed by the captain, indicating that they had checked the ballot shipment, on Monday, as instructed.

• Ballot Accountability Statement In this section (#3), the lines for the Statehood and Umoja parties were incomplete or not completed at all.

#### Poll Watcher Roster/Sign-in Sheet

• Candidiate/Issue Name Column This column was left blank. It should indicate on whose behalf the watcher is observing.

• Time In and/or Time Out The arrival and departure time of each watcher should be entered on the form.

#### List of Assisted Voters Form

• Reason for Assistance Specific reasons are to be listed for each voter. Ditto marks should <u>never</u> be used.

• Signature of Precinct Captain The Captain is required to sign and date the form, certifying that the voters listed did receive assistance, for the reason(s) specified.

#### **Special Ballot Tally Sheet**

• Total # of Special Ballots Issued The totals for each party are to be entered on the line below each party's tally section.

 Signatures of Special Ballot/Ballot Clerks

Both clerks sign the form certifying that the information is correct.

#### **Special Ballot Referral Form**

 The referral form should be kept by the voter. It informs them of their appeal rights which are printed on the back.

# Supplemental List of Absentee Voters

 Each volume of the list (A-F, G-M, N-Z, etc.) is to be taped to the front inside cover of the matching volume of the Master Index Books.