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Kansas City Election Board Readies for the Election of the Directors for the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation Development District

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (August 14, 2017) – In accordance with an order of the Jackson County Court and the request of the County Clerk of the Jackson County, Missouri, Legislature, the Kansas City Election Board (KCEB) announces details for the upcoming October 7th election for the Directors of the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation Development District. Following are the specifics to ensure that voters have the information needed to participate.

When is the Election?

The election will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Poll hours are 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Who may vote?

Only registered voters who reside within the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation District may vote in the election.

Where do I Vote?

It is unlikely that a voter will vote at their typical polling location. It is likely that there will be only one or two central polling locations. Approximately two weeks before the election, eligible voters will be sent an election notice postcard with the polling location and address printed on the election notice card. Your polling location will also be available online at <u>www.kceb.org</u>.

What is on the Ballot?

The office of the Director of the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation Development District is the only office on the ballot. Seven Directors will be elected. Each voter may vote for up to seven candidates. The seven candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

A sample ballot with the names of the candidates will be available online at <u>www.kceb.org</u> on approximately September 5, 2017, after the period to file a declaration of candidacy has closed.

How do I become a candidate?

Any register voter residing within the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation Development District who is a US citizen over the age of twenty-one and a Missouri resident for over one year may become a candidate by paying a five dollar filing fee to the Jackson County Clerk, 415 E. 12th Street, Legislative Clerk's Office (2nd Floor), Kansas City, Missouri 64106 before 5:00 pm on August 31, 2017 **and** then bringing your receipt for the filing fee and filing a declaration of candidacy and oath with the Kansas City Election Board, 30 W. Pershing RD. (Union Station) Lower Level, Suite 2800, Kansas City, Missouri 64108, before 5:00 pm on September 1, 2017. The declaration of candidacy form is available from the KCEB.

May I Vote Absentee?

Any qualified registered voter within the Kansas City Main Street Rail Transportation Development District may vote absentee if they meet the absentee voting requirements. In-person absentee voting at the offices of the Kansas City Election Board at Union Station will end on October 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. All mail-in absentee voting ballots must be received by the election office, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, October 7, 2017.

In Missouri, voters need one of five reasons to vote absentee:

- Away from one's voting jurisdiction on Election Day
- Religious restrictions
- Incapacitated, hospitalized or homebound, or caring for a person who is confined
- Working at the polls or for KCEB, or an election authority employee
- Incarcerated, but eligible to vote
- Participant in Missouri "Safe at Home" program.

What Voter Identification will I need?

As of June 1, 2017, Missouri adopted new identification requirements for voting. The following are the acceptable documents and procedure for voting:

- Option 1: Provide a Missouri issued Driver or Nondriver license, U.S. Passport, or Military ID;
- Option 2: Provide a secondary form of identification, such as a paycheck or bank statement and sign a statement confirming your identity; or
- Option 3: If you have no form of identification, but are a registered voter, you may cast a provisional ballot.

Missouri's photo voter ID law also requires the state of Missouri to assist voters who might not have a photo ID with the process of obtaining one free Missouri Nondriver License for the purpose of voting. To request more information or if a voter needs help obtaining an ID for voting contact the #ShowIt2Vote toll-free hotline number at 866-868-3245 or email <u>ShowIt2Vote@sos.mo.gov</u>.

For additional information or assistance, please contact <u>kceb@kceb.org</u> or call (816) 842-4820.

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