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KANSAS CITY ELECTION BOARD OFFERS FIVE EASY STEPS TO HELP EASE ELECTION DAY STRESS

Kansas City, MO---In an effort to ease congestion at the polls, prevent voters and election workers from being overwhelmed, and to lessen the stress the anticipated long lines may cause, Kansas City voters are being encouraged to approach the upcoming election day as follows:

#1 **VOTE DURING OFF-PEAK TIMES.** The election board recommends voting between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There is likely to be less congestion and shorter lines during those times of day.

#2 **KNOW HOW YOU WANT TO VOTE ON BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AND INITIATIVES BEFORE ENTERING THE POLLING AREA.** Waiting until one gets to the voting booth to read through the ballot issue language will delay the line and cause longer wait times for all voters. Ballot issues are available on the election board, Kansas City and Secretary of State's websites.

#3 **IF YOU QUALIFY, VOTE ABSENTEE AT ONE OF THE SIX VOTING CENTER LOCATIONS IN KANSAS CITY.** Absentee voting is open daily from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Election Board, Brush Creek Community Center, Plaza Library, Old Northeast Library, Bannister Community Church and Center High School.

#4 **UTILIZE THE STATE LAW (MO §115.639) THAT ALLOWS EMPLOYERS TO GRANT AT LEAST THREE HOURS OFF TO VOTE AND GO VOTE DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS.**

#5 **ABIDE BY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE THE GREETER/LOCATOR STATIONED AT MOST POLLS AND BRING. . .**

*** A SMILE**

***A MELLOW ATTITUDE**

***AN ABUNDANCE OF PATIENCE . . .**

along with a GOOD BOOK, a FOLDING CHAIR, an IPOD, and a few SNACKS.

The greeter/locators will assist voters as soon as they arrive at the polls. Their duties will include ensuring voters have their ID's ready, reminding voters to remove any campaign buttons or caps, assisting with handicapped voters, and managing the lines.

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