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Kansas City Election Board Readies Voters For November Election

(Kansas City, Missouri)---The Kansas City Election Board (KCEB) announces details for the upcoming November 3 election. Following are the specifics to ensure that voters have the information needed to participate in November's election:

<u>Date, Time, Place</u>: The election will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Poll hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration Deadline: The last day to register to vote is October 7. Citizens may register at area libraries, Missouri State offices, City Hall, other public facilities, or at the KCEB headquarters at 1828 Walnut. Registration status may be checked on line at www.kceb.org by using the *Check Your Voter Status* box.

What's on the Ballot:

- COMBAT sales tax renewal (all voters)
- Center School District bond issue (for voters who reside within the Center School District boundaries only)
- Independence School District bond issue (for voters who reside within the Independence School District boundaries only)

A sample ballot is available on line at www.kceb.org

<u>Absentee Voting</u>: An absentee ballot may be cast in person until **5:00 p.m. Monday**, **November 2** at the Board of Elections headquarters located at 1828 Walnut. A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed may be made via mail, fax, or in-person **until 5 p.m. October 28**. The absentee ballot must be returned to the KCEB offices no later than **7 p.m. Tuesday**, **November 3**.

In Missouri, voters must have one of five reasons (excuses) to vote absentee: out of town on election day; religious restrictions; incapacitated, hospitalized or homebound, or caring for a person who is confined; election authority employee; incarcerated but eligible to vote.

<u>Polls</u>: Voters may find their polling location on line at <u>www.kceb.org</u> by entering a last name and birth date in the *Check Your Voter Status* box, or by clicking on the *November Ballot and Poll Log* link on the home page.

<u>New Polling Locations</u>: KCEB has worked to contain costs in the current economic environment by consolidating or moving poll locations:

- Roanoke Community Center- former poll: Epworth U.M. Church
- Hartman Elementary School- former poll: Armour Homes
- Linwood United Church- former poll: Bluford Library is being renovated.
- Southeast Community Center-former poll: Southeast Library
- Blue Ridge Church of Christ- former poll: Bannister Ridge Community Church.

Election Notice Cards: Cards are mailed to all registered voters two weeks prior to election day and will be delivered no later than Saturday, October 24. The polling location and address are printed on each election notice card. Voters whose polls have changed will be reminded on their card.

<u>Voter Identification</u>: Voters may present any of the following forms of identification:

- Missouri or out of state driver's license
- Local, State or federal government issued i.d. (employee, passport, social security card, military,etc.)
- Missouri higher education i.d. (college or university)
- Local election authority issued i.d.
- Current bank statement, utility bill, government paycheck, or government document containing the voter's name and current address

Photo identification is not required to vote in Missouri.

Additional Facts:

Ballot Issues:

Number of Polls: 122 total (KC: 107; Center 12; Independence: 1)

Number of Precincts: 354
Active Registered Voters: 205,697*
Active Voters Center Sch. Dist. 17,657*
Active Voters Indep. Sch. Dist. 1,104*

Absentee Mail Ballot Deadline: by 7 p.m., November 3

Estimated Election Cost: \$426,500

*as of 9/1/09

For additional information or assistance, contact kceb@kceb.org or call KCEB at 842-4820.

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