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Director Joseph Masich
Deputy Director Kimberly Zurz
Summit County Board of Elections
470 Grant Street
Akron, Ohio 44311-1157

Re: In Person Absentee Voting Hours

Dear Director Masich and Deputy Director Zurz:

In order to ensure uniformity across counties and reduce lines at polling places for the November 6, 2012 General Election, my office is mailing an absentee ballot application to every registered voter in Ohio in "active" status and every registered voter in Ohio who voted in the 2008 presidential regardless of the voter status in the Statewide Voter Registration Database. See Directive 2012-24. Because Ohio voters have the option to vote from home via absentee ballot there is no need for extended hours for in-person absentee voting.

Due to the local budget impasse and the sufficient time already available for the casting of absent voters' ballots by mail and in person, I am setting in person absentee voting hours consistent with the Board's Monday through Friday office hours. The Board is also reminded that under Ohio Revised Code 3509.03 in person absentee voting must be available until 6:00 p.m., Friday, November 2, 2012.

Summit County offers ample time to vote prior to Election Day. In addition to no fault absentee voting, in person absentee voting in Summit County will be available 42.5 hours per week for those who wish to complete in person absentee ballots.

Further, I plan to make a determination on the voting location deadlock upon further review of the forthcoming arguments from the board members.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted

Cc: Summit County Board Members