



Office of Cook County Clerk David Orr

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January 25, 2008

Dear voters,

The Presidential Primary Election is only 11 days away, so I want to update you on key deadlines and voting news. I have also attached a list of events that will occur as we prepare for the election and process the results. These are public events.

EARLY VOTING

So far, over 21,000 voters have cast their ballots at our 44 suburban Cook Early Voting sites, with six more days to go. For a list of Early Voting sites and hours, visit www.voterinfonet.com.

GRACE PERIOD VOTING

A record 600 people registered and voted during Grace Period Registration from January 9-22.

ABSENTEE VOTING

We have already received over 8,000 applications for absentee ballots. Voters have until January 31st to request an absentee ballot by mail. While we will process all applications (and mail all ballots) that we receive by the 31st, such late ballots are very risky, as they must be postmarked by February 4th to be counted.

NURSING HOME VOTING – BRINGING THE VOTE TO THOSE WHO WANT IT

Over 100 sites are participating this year. You can find a list and the scheduled times at www.voterinfonet.com

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

January 31st is the last day that voters can cast early ballots without a reason. However, in-person absentee voting is still available on the last 4 days before the election (February 1-4) for individuals with a conflict on Election Day. In-person absentee ballots can be cast at County Clerk's offices (the regional courthouse mini-centers or 69 W. Washington in downtown Chicago). Voting hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday.

VOTERINFONET.COM – COOK COUNTY'S ELECTIONS WEBSITE

Tens of thousands of voters are visiting www.voterinfonet.com to use our "voter's tool kit." They can check their registration status, find their polling place and view a virtual ballot. Plus, it links to brief candidate statements provided by interested campaigns. Voters can also watch our award-winning "How to Vote" video to get ready to cast their ballots. On election night, voterinfonet.com is the site for up-to-date results on races around the County. Be sure to take a look.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Orr".

David Orr
Cook County Clerk

Schedule of Public Viewing

Cook County Clerk's office - Election Department February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election

- **January 26 – February 4** – Validation of Absentee Ballots
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with the exceptions listed below
 - Noon – 5:00 pm on 2/2 and 2/3
 - No processing on 1/26 or 1/27
 - Call the clerk's office for hours after election day
- **February 4** – Absentee Ballots Processing
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 8:00 am
- **February 5** – Loading of Early Voting and Absentee Data into Tally System
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 10:00 am
- **February 5** – Tally of Election Results
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 7:00 pm
- **February 7 – 19** – Five Percent Recount
 - Hawthorne Distribution Center, 4545 W. Cermak
 - 8:00 am
- **February 7 – 19** – Provisional Ballot Reconciliation
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- **February 11 – 19** – Canvass of Votes
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **February 19** – Final Processing and Tallying of Late-Arriving Absentee Ballots
 - Cook County Clerk's office, 69 W. Washington St., Suite 500
 - 5:00 pm