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NEWS RELEASE:

From the D.C. Board of Elections
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ARE YOU PROPERLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ?

D.C. VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED MUST PROVIDE CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS

D.C. Board of Elections Director Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr. today warned that registered voters who have moved without sending written notice of their new address **must do so by October 11th in order to vote in the November 8th Presidential Election.** Under D.C. law, any voter who moves is required to notify the Board in writing to maintain his or her voting rights.

"The District of Columbia has tough laws concerning the accuracy of residence addresses on the voter roll," Fremaux noted, "laws that protect the integrity of the election system. **The Board is reminding voters now of the need to be registered at their current address—while they still have time to update their registration records.** Waiting until the last minute could needlessly cost someone his or her voting rights."

To change address, a registrant may use the Voter Registration Card that is issued to each voter by the Board. The card states the legal requirement to maintain a current address—and provides space on the back for the voter to enter an address change. When the voter mails the corrected card to the Board, a replacement card is issued showing the new address and providing the voter's new polling place location. A voter may also complete and mail the coupon shown below (which may be reproduced), or send any written notice that includes the necessary information (name, the new address, the old address, and signature).

VOTER'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM			
<p>TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 1988 YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE AT YOUR CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS</p> <p>-----</p> <p><i>Deadline: Changes of address must be postmarked by October 11, 1988 For information call 727-2525</i></p>	PRINT NAME _____	DATE OF BIRTH _____	
	NEW ADDRESS _____		
	OLD ADDRESS _____		
	DATE _____	VOTER'S SIGNATURE _____	TELEPHONE _____
	MAIL TO: D.C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW, ROOM 4, WASHINGTON, DC 20004-3084		

The requirement to maintain a current residence address on the voter roll became law in 1983. Since then, the Board has developed active programs to periodically verify the address data on the voter registry. Since the last presidential election in 1984, more than 40,000 registrations have been cancelled from the registry because the voter no longer lived at the address where registered. Earlier this year, the Board issued new plastic voter registration cards to all District voters to confirm each individual's registration for the 1988 Presidential Election Year. Any voter who has not received a new registration card this year should call the Board immediately to check his or her registration status.

In 1984, almost 220,000 voters cast ballots in the presidential general election--nearly 40% more voters than participated in the next highest turnout election since 1984. Because a significant number of voters participate only in presidential elections, and thus vote only once every four years, the Board is especially concerned that voters in this category are properly registered by the October 11th deadline.

The Board encourages District residents who are unsure of their registration status--particularly those who have not voted since 1984 or who have recently moved--to call 727-2525 for a registration check during regular business hours, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

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DOES ANYONE YOU KNOW NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

District of Columbia Residents!

**Call 727-2525, day or night,
to have a Voter Registration Form
sent directly to your home.**

(To register you must be a U.S. citizen,
D.C. resident, and 18 by election day)

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