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## DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE THE 2007 BALTIMORE CITY MAYORAL GENERAL ELECTION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Annapolis, Maryland (**October 9, 2007**): Citizens wishing to vote in the 2007 Baltimore City Mayoral General Election must register to vote by 9 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. The voter registration application must be received in the election office by 9 P.M. on October 16<sup>th</sup> or contain an October 16<sup>th</sup> postmark from the United States Postal Service in order to qualify for the upcoming election. The General Election will be held on November 6, 2007. Voter registration applications are available at the following locations:

Motor Vehicle Administration offices State Department of Health offices Local Department of Social Services offices Offices on Aging Division of Rehabilitation Services Public institutions of higher education Marriage license bureaus Post Offices Public libraries County Boards of Elections State Board of Elections

A citizen may download a voter registration application from the website of the State Board of Elections at <u>www.elections.state.md.us</u> or may have a voter registration application mailed by calling the State's 24-hour toll free telephone number at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683).

If a voter registered by mail after January 1, 2003, federal law requires that the voter provide identification information before casting his or her vote in the upcoming election. To avoid presenting identification information at the time of voting, the voter should send the board of elections either:

- 1. A copy of a current or valid photo identification;
- 2. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows the voter's name and address.

If the voter is required to provide identification information but fails to do so before voting, the voter will be issued a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will only be counted if the voter is duly registered and provides the identification information before canvassing of the provisional ballots occurs.

For more information, voters may contact the Baltimore City Board of Elections at 410-396-5550 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) OR <u>www.elections.state.md.us</u>