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TOUCHSCREEN EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

The Supervisors' recent approval of the Diebold contract for purchase of Touchscreen voting equipment enables us to move forward with plans to provide Touchscreen early voting access to County voters prior to the November 5 General Election. Our goal is to set up and staff up to 21 sites throughout the County (four in each District, plus one installation at the Braille Institute).

Key Touchscreen facts include:

- Any voter will be able to vote early at any Touchscreen location.
- Touchscreen voting devices will NOT be available in polling places.
- Touchscreen early voting will generally be available 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22 through Friday, November 1, a total of 11 days including the weekend of October 26 and 27.

We are finalizing site selection criteria, relying on our experience in the initial Touchscreen pilot program in November 2000. Simultaneously, we are conducting preliminary research to begin compiling a list of possible Touchscreen early voting locations. City Clerks, partners from our Community Voter Outreach Committee, and others have volunteered suggestions for locations. Additionally, we have a half-day meeting scheduled with City Clerks in late May during which we hope additional suggestions will surface.

Because each of you has extensive knowledge of the facilities in each of your districts, we want to meet with you in early- to mid-June to further the process of Touchscreen site selection and to update you on our progress. We also request your assistance in the following areas:

- Narrowing sites to the “best possible” facilities for the voters in your District
- Acquiring use permits for highly-desirable (and therefore difficult to obtain) sites
- Publicizing Touchscreen locations and conducting voter outreach

We will keep you updated and will contact you after our meeting with City Clerks to set up firm meeting dates with each of you. In the meantime, if you have additional questions about the project or site suggestions that you feel should be acted upon immediately, please do not hesitate to contact me or Deborah Wright, Executive Liaison Officer, (562) 462-2716.

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