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## **Voter Registration Closes October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** *Early Voting Returns for Registered Suburban Cook Voters*

**ORLAND PARK, IL** – Voter registration for the November 2 General Election closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 2010. Registration for all eligible Cook County voters is available at the Orland Park Village Clerk’s Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. To register to vote, residents must be United States citizens and at least eighteen years old on or before November 2, 2010.

“There are only a few days left to register to vote in the November 2 elections,” said Orland Park Village Clerk David Maher. “People who moved, never registered, changed their names or will be eighteen years old by November 2, 2010 may register to vote,” he said.

The Orland Park Village Clerk’s Office will offer early voting for the November 2 General Election for all registered suburban Cook County voters October 12 through October 28, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

“Orland Park’s participation in early voting has always been successful,” said Deputy Village Clerk Joseph LaMargo . “We have drawn the highest number of early voters for all of suburban Cook County for the last few elections,” he added.

Offices being considered this fall include United States senators and representatives, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state comptroller, state treasurer, state

senators and state representatives. Cook County offices up for consideration include board president, commissioners, assessor, clerk, treasurer and sheriff. Appellate and Circuit Court judicial seats are being filled as are some seats for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, as well as the regional superintendent of schools.

“The Cook County Clerk’s Office making early voting available is a great service for voters of all ages,” Maher said. “Beginning October 12, registered suburban voters will have two weeks, including Saturdays, to cast their ballots, making it very convenient for everyone,” he said.

To vote early at Orland Park’s Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, registered suburban Cook County voters must present government issued identification, i.e., a valid driver’s license or state identification card.

In-person absentee voting is no longer available in the Orland Park Village Clerk’s Office; however, applications to receive absentee ballots by mail are available or can be downloaded from the Clerk’s Office area on the village’s website at [www.orland-park.il.us](http://www.orland-park.il.us).

“Absentee voting is not available at the Clerk’s Office. This is why we’re encouraging suburban Cook County voters to take advantage of the Early Voting Program,” LaMargo said.

Absentee voting by mail is available for those unable to participate in early voting or go to the polls on Election Day. “Parents whose kids are away at college can ask that an absentee ballot be mailed to them,” Maher said. Absentee voting is also convenient for homebound voters.

Orland Park’s Village Clerk’s Office is located off the main lobby of the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Further information or to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to a Cook County voter, either homebound or out of town is available by calling the Orland Park Village Clerk’s Office at 708/403-6150.

**PHOTO CAPTION**

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