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## Village of Orland Park Touts Convenience of Early Voting *Record Crowds Expected At Polling Places on Election Day*

ORLAND PARK, IL – During the first week of early voting, the Orland Park Village Clerk's Office processed more than 3300 early voters.

“We've had a lot of people who don't want to wait in line on Election Day or who will be out of town in early November,” said Orland Park Village Clerk David Maher, adding, “Voters don't need an excuse to vote early.”

With 20 touch screen voting machines and additional staff from the Cook County Clerk's Office, Orland Park officials noted how pleased voters have been with the ease and quickness of early voting at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall.

“We have a great team in place, between our village staff and those from the Cook County Clerk's Office,” said Orland Park Deputy Clerk Joseph LaMargo. “We've had a number of voters comment on how great it is to get in and out within 20 minutes,” he added.

Norm Johnson, of Orland Park, took advantage of early voting on Friday, October 17. “This is a great service, giving everyone three weeks to cast their ballots,” Johnson said. “I came in to vote knowing how crowded the polling places will be on Election Day. I was in and out within fifteen minutes,” he added.

Orland Park's Mary Beth and Dean Casper voted early on Saturday, October 18. “We needed a new vehicle sticker for our car and were able to vote early while we were there,” Mary Beth Casper said. “We both work during the week so having early voting available on a Saturday was great,” she said. Dean Casper added, “It was surprisingly fast and easy despite the large number of people voting early.”

In addition to the presidential race, voters are considering candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, state senators, state representatives, Cook County Circuit Court Clerk, Recorder of Deeds and State's Attorney. The ballot also includes judges at

all levels of the state judicial system, the Board of Review and three seats for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Judicial retention and Sanitary District commissioners/trustees also appear on the ballot.

“Cook County is expecting a record high number of voters for this election,” Maher said. “We’re inviting and encouraging all registered suburban Cook County voters to avoid the long lines on Election Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and come in to our office Monday through Saturday to take advantage of early voting through October 30<sup>th</sup>,” he added.

Early voting at Orland Park’s Frederick T. Owens Village Hall is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registered suburban Cook County voters must present government issued identification, i.e., driver’s license, state identification card, passport, etc. to vote early. No excuse is required to vote early. Orland Park’s Village Hall is located at 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, call the Orland Park Village Clerk’s Office at 403-6150.