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## **Hamilton County Needs You**

Hamilton County, OH – Election poll workers, also known as Precinct Election Officials or PEOs, work at the polling place on Election Day and are critical to the election process. Join the team and help Hamilton County vote.

"It takes a small army to put on an election for Hamilton County," says Director Sherry Poland. "We still need 300 people to answer the call."

"Being a poll worker is a gratifying way to serve your community," adds Deputy Director Alex Linser. "Sign up today to help deliver democracy in your neighborhood."

On Election Day, PEOs issue ballots to registered voters, explain how to mark the ballot, monitor the voting equipment, and complete required forms. Additionally, they set up equipment, open the polls, take down equipment, and close the polls.

The entire election process is a bipartisan effort. There are three PEO roles on election day. **Voting Location Manager** (VLM) and **Voting Location Deputy** (VLD) manage responsibilities and procedures at the polling place and are of opposite parties. **Precinct Election Officials** (PEOs) participate in all activities at the Monday night set-up and on Election Day. They assist as needed and instruct voters about procedures at the polling place.

PEOs must attend a paid training, which is offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings. In addition to the four-hour class, work requirements are setup before the election from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday night November 7, and Election Day on Tuesday, November 8, from 5:30 a.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. The current compensation for PEOs is \$181.50. Training sessions begin October 10.

## To be a PEO, you must:

- Be a registered voter in Hamilton County, Ohio
- Be a United States citizen
- Be able to speak, read and write fluently in the English language
- Be comfortable using electronic technology
- NOT be a candidate for any office to be voted on at the polling place in that election
- NOT be a convicted felon

If you are interested in becoming a PEO, please contact the Board of Elections at 513-632-7000. Reminder: the deadline to register to vote in the November 2022 election is October 11.

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