Missoula County Media Release

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Missoula County Announces Changes to Polling Places Ahead of General Election

The Missoula County Elections Office has confirmed location changes for four polling places for the general election in November.

Due to construction, the following polling places will be relocated for the Tuesday, Nov. 6, election:

Heligate Elementary School: Relocated to Montana Technology & Development Center, 5785 W. Broadway

Cold Springs Elementary School, Meadow Hill Middle School: Relocated to Chief Charlo Elementary School, 5600 Longview Drive

Hawthorne Elementary School: Relocated to Orchard Homes Country Life Club, 2537 S. Third St. W.

The changes, which are in effect for the upcoming election only, will impact roughly 7,735 voters. Polls will be open during the usual hours, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Missoula County Election Administrator Dayna Causby said the relocations will create a few challenges, but voters have options.

"Missoula County voters always have the opportunity to vote via the mail," Causby said. "Voters can request a mail ballot up until the day before the election."

The Elections Office will mail fliers to voters in affected precincts who have not opted to vote by mail. The fliers will include maps of the relocated polling places, as well as a pre-filled, postage-paid form allowing voters to sign up to have their ballots mailed to them if voting at the alternate location is not convenient. Voters will simply need to sign and mail back the form.

All registered voters can <u>fill out an online form</u> to receive an absentee ballot in the mail through Tuesday, Oct. 9. After that date, voters will need to request an absentee ballot in person at the Elections Office, currently located in Building 15 of the Missoula County Fairgrounds, 1101 South Ave. The office is currently open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended and weekend hours planned for October.

With renovation construction beginning at the fairgrounds, the Elections Office urges voters to take care of any election-related needs as soon as possible to alleviate crowding at the facility in the days leading

up to the election. In addition to requesting absentee ballots, Elections Office staff can help with all voter services, including voter registration, address changes, retrieving undeliverable ballots and issuing replacement ballots.

Voters can check their registration status and polling place location at <u>www.MyVoterPageMT.com</u>.

For more information, call the Elections Office at 406-258-4751, email <u>electioninfo@missoulacounty.us</u> or visit <u>www.missoulavotes.com</u>.

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The Missoula County Elections Office is under the leadership of the elections administrator. The office is responsible for conducting fair and honest elections and works to meet the needs of 80,000 Missoula County voters. The Election Advisory Committee is made up of citizen volunteers advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. The Elections Office is located on the first floor of the courthouse.