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DEADLINE FOR RETURNING PENSACOLA CITY CHARTER REFERENDUM BALLOTS IS NOVEMBER 24TH

Pensacola, Florida – Escambia County Supervisor of Elections David H. Stafford today reminded voters that all mail ballots for the City of Pensacola Charter Referendum must be returned to the Elections Office no later than 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24th. Voters may return their completed ballot through the mail or deliver it directly to the Elections Office at 213 Palafox Place, 2nd floor.

Any voter in the City of Pensacola who has not yet received a ballot should call the Elections Office at 595-3900, as should anyone who needs a replacement ballot. Voters needing a replacement ballot (if ballot was destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received) must complete a replacement ballot oath before receiving a replacement ballot. Voters can download a copy of the replacement oath at www.escambiavotes.com or call 595-3900 to have the oath sent by mail, e-mail, or fax.

In order for a ballot to be counted, it must be returned sealed inside a signed mail ballot certificate return envelope by 7:00 pm on Election Day. The signature on the mail ballot certificate envelope is compared to the voter's signature on file in the Elections Office for verification purposes. A registered voter may update his or her signature at any time using a Florida Voter Registration Application available through the Elections Office or any voter registration agency. Signature updates must be submitted prior to the start of the canvassing of ballots, which will begin on November 18th.

Ballots were sent to each eligible voter within the City of Pensacola via first class mail on Wednesday, November 4th. As of noon Thursday, November 12th, more than 6,300 voted ballots have been returned.

A sample ballot and a two-page "Frequently Asked Questions" document on the mail ballot election are available at www.escambiavotes.com. For additional information about the proposed Pensacola City Charter, contact the City of Pensacola at 435-1606, or on the web at www.ci.pensacola.fl.us.

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