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## IMPORTANT ABSENTEE BALLOT UPDATES

Supervisor of Elections Leslie Rosway Swan would like to inform voters of two updates in regards to voting by Absentee Ballot.

In an effort to save tax payer dollars, the Supervisor of Elections office has developed a more cost effective way to package outgoing Absentee Ballots. Previously all Absentee Ballots were packaged with a heavy, secrecy envelope resulting in a costly mailing expense, both to the Supervisor of Elections office and the voter. With our newly designed secrecy sleeve, voters and the Elections office will see a price savings of \$0.20 per envelope mailed. All outgoing Absentee Ballots will contain a one-sheet secrecy sleeve that voters may mail back with their voted ballot. Printed on the secrecy sleeve are instructions on the correct procedure on how to mark the ballot and information on properly completing the Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

The second important update is a result of price changes made by the United State Postal Service. Effective January 22, 2012, the price of a First Class Mail letter will increase by one cent from \$0.44 to \$0.45. Forever stamps do not have a denomination and will still be valid after the January 22 price increase. All First Class Mail stamps purchased after the 22<sup>nd</sup> will cost \$0.45 each.

Lastly, the Elections Office would like to remind voters that January 25, 2012 is the last day to request an Absentee Ballot for the January 31<sup>st</sup> Presidential Preference Primary Election. Please be sure to contact the Elections Office by the close of business on January 25<sup>th</sup> to ensure you have a valid request on file. If you have any questions regarding the new changes, please do not hesitate to call the Supervisor of Elections office at (772) 226-3440.