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## 2023 City of Knoxville Primary Election: Statistics and Important Information at the Halfway Point of Early Voting

Knoxville – At the halfway mark (seven days of fourteen) of early voting for the 2023 City of Knoxville Primary Election, a total of **2,831 early votes have been cast**, with an additional **590 votes cast by absentee ballot**.

#### STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN AT THE HALFWAY POINT

#### EARLY VOTES CAST AT THE MIDWAY POINT COMPARED TO OTHER MAYORAL CITY ELECTIONS

August 2023 – 2,831 (total votes cast - TBD)

August 2019 – 3,428 (total votes cast - 19,304)

August 2015 - 813 (total votes cast – 4,748)

• August 2011 – 4,402 (total votes cast – 22,609 – this included a State Senate election on the ballot)

August 2007 – 1,015 (total votes cast – 6,682)

August 2003 – 4,815 (total votes cast – 29,883)

#### EARLY VOTES CAST IN THIS ELECTION BY AGE (Totals include absentee ballots)

• Age 18 to 34 209

Age 35 to 54 497

• Age 55 + 2,715

#### EARLY VOTES CAST IN THIS ELECTION BY CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT

District 1 411
District 2 1,019
District 3 437
District 4 766

District 5 766

District 6 453

Of the **64,585** currently registered voters in the City of Knoxville that voted in the 2020 Presidential Election, only **3,072** have voted in this election.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone wishing to vote absentee can call the Election Commission at 865-215-2480 or can download an absentee request at www.knoxvotes.org.

#### RISE AND SHINE ON SATURDAY WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION

If 10 AM is too late for you, <u>early voting at the City County Building in downtown Knoxville opens at 8 AM on Saturday, August 19</u> – early birds (as long as they are registered voters and City of Knoxville residents) can take advantage of early hours!

#### PRE-PRIMARY CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

All candidates on the ballot have a <u>Pre-Primary Campaign Financial Disclosure</u> due on <u>Tuesday, August 22, 2023</u>. It will cover the period from July 1 to August 19, 2023.

These reports will be posted upon receipt by the Election Commission at: <a href="https://knoxcounty.org/election/candidate\_info/index.php">https://knoxcounty.org/election/candidate\_info/index.php</a>

#### POLLS OPEN UNTIL 7 PM ON THE LAST TWO DAYS OF EARLY VOTING

All six early voting locations will be <u>open until 7 PM on the last two days of early voting</u> – Wednesday and Thursday, August 23 and 24 – except for Meridian Baptist in south Knoxville, which will close at 5 PM on Wednesday, August 23.

# KNOX COUNTY ELECTIONS 101 SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 – DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Knox County Election Commission will conduct a seminar for individuals wishing to learn more about how elections are conducted in Knox County and many of the details associated with preparing for an election.

The seminar will be on Saturday, October 7th from 9 am until 12:30 pm and will be held at the Election Commission's Downtown West Early Voting/Training facility, 1645 Downtown West Blvd.

There is no cost to attend, but attendees must pre-register. Attendees must be a registered voter in Knox County. <u>The</u> deadline to apply is Friday, September 1st.

To register, visit www.knoxvotes.org.