



## 2011 Spring Election Debriefing for the Madison Election Advisory Committee

### **Overview**

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The City of Madison had a voter turnout of 54 percent on April 5, 2011. There were 93,976 votes cast. Election Officials registered 6,628 voters at the polls.

For comparison, the City of Madison had a voter turnout of 30 percent in April 2007, with 48,353 votes cast. Election Officials registered 1,150 voters at the polls in April 2007.

### **Election Official Recruitment**

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Of the 826 individuals who worked at the polls, 19 were ages 18-25 (2%), 82 were ages 26-40 (10%), 238 were ages 41-60 (29%), 248 were ages 61-70 (30%), and 239 were ages 71 or older (29%). 528 Election Officials were female and 298 were male.

Of our 826 Election Officials, 8 were of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (1%), 6 were Asian (0.7%), and 39 were African-American (5%). For comparison, 6.5% of City of Madison residents are of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, 7.5% are Asian, and 5.9% are African-American.

### **Training**

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The City Clerk's Office offered 37 training sessions for Election Officials from March 14 through April 6. Training took place at the City-County Building, the Village on Park, Madison Water Utility, Attic Angels, Oakwood Village West, Warner Park, and Olbrich Gardens. Randy Black, chairperson of the Commission on People with Disabilities, once again gave a presentation at our AutoMark training sessions.

We also offered training sessions on our website. One-hundred fifty-six Election Officials completed the online Election Official Training for Beginners. Ninety-six Election Officials completed the online Election Day Paperwork training. And ninety-eight Election Officials completed the online Processing Absentee Ballots training.

### **Absentee Ballots**

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The City Clerk's Office issued 8,531 absentee ballots for this election. There were 4,168 absentee ballots issued to voters at the counter (49 percent of absentees issued were issued to voters at the counter). 7,842 absentees (92 percent) were returned to be counted.

Twenty-three absentee ballots were rejected at the polls: 4 had no voter signature, 7 had no witness signature, 4 were not registered at their current address, 2 were deceased, 3 were unsealed and 3 decided to vote at the polls instead of absentee. Of the ballots returned to be counted, 0.29 percent were rejected.

For comparison, the City Clerk's Office issued 9,820 absentee ballots for the April 2007 Spring Election. Eighty-three percent of absentees were returned to be counted in February 2007, including 2279 absentees issued to voters at the counter.