NOTICE TO VOTERS SPECIAL CITY OF URBANA ELECTION FEBRUARY 25, 2025 Polling Place Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE: First day absentee ballots may be available is on, <u>Wednesday, February</u> <u>5, 2025,</u> at the Benton County Auditor's Office and may be voted in the office until 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2025. Please contact the Benton County Auditor's Office to see when ballots are available. (319) 472-2365.

<u>ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY MAIL:</u> A ballot may be mailed to you upon your request. Requests can be in writing (you must include your name, address, date of birth, drivers license or Voter ID pin number, date of election or type of election, signature and date of signature) or on an official absentee ballot request form. Requests must be received by the auditor's office <u>no later</u> than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025. Official forms may be obtained by contacting the auditor's office or by clicking our Benton County Election website: <u>www.elections.bentoncountyia.gov</u>

VOTER REGISTRATION: You must be registered to vote to participate in the Special City of Urbana Election. Registration may be done in several ways.

- 1. You may register in person in the auditor's office. The deadline is 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.
- 2. You may mail your registration to the auditor's office. Voter registrations that are mailed must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025.
- 3. Election Day Registration You may register at your polling place on Election Day by presenting a current photo ID and proof of residency to the election officials. Contact the auditor's office for a list of approved documents.

<u>VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS</u>: Voters who are unable to show ID (or prove residence if required) may have their identities attested to by another registered voter in the precinct or have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Election Day Registrant attesters must also show ID. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-888-SOS-VOTE or the County Auditor's Office at 319-472-2365 with any questions or concerns.

VOTING EQUIPMENT TESTING: A public test of the Unisyn optical scan precinct count units will begin on Monday, February 10th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

EXTENDED HOURS: The Benton County Auditor's Office will be open

Monday, February 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Monday, February 24, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

<u>CONTACT</u>: The Benton County Auditor's Office if you have questions regarding voter registration, absentee voting, or other election related issues:

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E-MAIL: bcauditor@bentoncountyia.gov

RECENT ELECTION LAW CHANGES:

Voter Registration: Voter must register to vote 15 days (February 10, 2025) or more before the election to appear on the voter register on Election Day.

Absentee Voting:

- 1. The first day to submit an absentee ballot request form to the Auditors office is 70 days before Election Day.
- 2. The first day the Auditors office may mail absentee ballots to voters is 20 days (February 5, 2025) before an election.
- 3. The first day to vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office is 20 days (February 5, 2025) before an election.
- 4. Absentee ballot requests for voting by mail must be received by 15 days (February 10, 2025) before an election.
- 5. Absentee ballots must be received by the county auditor by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Returning Absentee Ballots:

- The only people who may return a voted absentee ballot other than the voter are:
 - Someone living in the voter's household
 - An immediate family member
 - The two special precinct election officials who deliver a ballot to the resident of a health care facility, dementia-specific assisted living program or hospital
 - Voters unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability may use a "delivery agent" to deliver their ballots.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS CANNOT BE PLACED IN THE DROP BOX OUTSIDE OF THE COURTHOUSE!!!