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Public Invited to Help Test Voting Machines

The St. Charles County Election Authority needs your help to get ready for election day. Members of the public are invited to help pick which voting machines will be randomly tested for accuracy (with the TV news cameras rolling).

St. Charles County Elections Director **Kurt Bahr** says all 104 electronic voting machines have already been tested by election staff—and are ready for election day—but this public test allows citizens to select two machines to see for themselves that they're accurate.

WHEN: <mark>Thursday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.</mark>

WHERE: St. Charles County Election Authority, 397 Turner Blvd, St. Peters

WHO: St. Charles County Elections Director Kurt Bahr and citizens.

Media are invited to help witness the test and interview participants.

During the test, two members of the public are chosen (preferably one Republican and one Democrat), and they decide which two machines will be tested. The chosen machines are then wheeled up front for all to see, so that test ballots with different combination of votes can be run through. The results are then compared to the test ballots for accuracy.

"This is just one of many things we do to assure the public that their vote counts and it will be counted right," Bahr says.

Early voting is also underway in St. Charles County at two locations—the Election Authority at 397 Turner Blvd in St. Peters and at the Element Church at 100 Mall Parkway in Wentzville.

Bahr is projecting 75% voter turnout, or 225,000 voters to participate in the election.

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About St. Charles County:
St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of 405,262, it is the state's third largest county. It is home to 21 scenic county parks of which three are in reserve, encompassing 4,509 acres.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.