

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## EARLY VOTING GOES ON FOLLOWING ST. CHARLES COUNTY COURT HEARING

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Registered voters in St. Charles County can continue casting their ballots before election day with no disruptions after a judge today dismissed a plaintiff's request for a halt in voting to settle a dispute on poll watchers.

Judge Dwayne A. Johnson dismissed the request for a temporary restraining order, ruling that the plaintiff's filing did not comply with state rules for making such a request.

At issue in the case is whether state law allows for poll watchers during the absentee voting period—as the plaintiff had argued—or whether it allows for poll watchers only on election day, as County Director of Elections Kurt Bahr had asserted.

Early voting will continue at two locations:

## **Current Voting Hours**

- Election Authority office (397 Turner Blvd, St. Peters)
  8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 2
  8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4
  Curbside voting available.
- Element Church (100 Mall Parkway, Wentzville)
  9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31; Friday, Nov. 1; Monday, Nov. 4
  Curbside voting not available.

Voters waiting until Election Day to cast their vote can do so at their assigned polling place from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5. The Election Authority is also open for voting during those hours for any registered voter in the county.

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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 over 415,000, 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 <a href="sccmo.org">sccmo.org</a>.