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*****CORRECTION*****

(Please note correct number of registered voters in first paragraph)

Election Commissioner Expects 53,000 Voters To Cast Ballots for the Presidential Primary Election

Lincoln — Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively is projecting that approximately 53,000 Lancaster County voters will cast ballots for the 2016 Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, May 10th. This would be a turnout percentage of twenty-nine percent of the nearly 182,050 voters registered in the county.

Shively hopes voters prove him wrong and make the turnout higher. He bases his projection on past primary elections. Unfortunately, history isn't on the side for a higher turnout. His staff and poll workers are ready and are hoping for a busy day on May 10th.

Shively indicated that the nearly 182,050 citizens registered to vote would be a record number of registered voters for a state-wide primary election in Lancaster County. It will break the previous record from the 2014 primary election in which 180,878 were registered to vote.

A comparison of the political party breakdown between the 2014 and 2016 primary elections is as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2016</u>
Republican	75,755	75,772
Democrat	64,924	66,709
Libertarian	944	1,354
Nonpartisan	39,255	38,210
Total	180,878	182,045

Shively also indicated that his office will process a record number of early voter ballot requests for a state-wide primary election by exceeding the 16,816 requests that his office received for the 2014 Primary Election. As of Friday, April 29th, the election office has received over 19,500 requests for early voting ballots.

Voters with questions regarding the primary election should contact the election office at (402) 441-7311.

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