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Drop Box for Early Voting Ballots Unveiled Early Voting for General Election Begins Today

Lincoln — At a news conference this morning, Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively unveiled a new early vote/absentee ballot drop box which has been installed in front of the Election Office located at 601 North 46th Street in Lincoln. Shively stated that in addition to ballots, early vote request forms, voter registration forms and juror qualification forms may also be deposited in the box. The drop box will be available twenty-four hours a day. Shively indicated that a drop box for early/absentee ballots has been suggested by numerous early voters during previous election cycles.

Commissioner Shively also reminded voters that early/absentee voting for the November 6th Presidential Election begins today, October 1, 2012. Shively reminded voters that state law permits any registered voter to vote an early/absentee ballot. However, voters must request that ballot in writing.

An early/absentee ballot request form will be printed in the Tuesday, October 2nd edition of the **Lincoln Journal Star**. Voters interested in voting early by mail may fill out that form and return it to the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's Office, 601 North 46th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503. Voters may also call the Election Commissioner's Office at (402) 441-7311 and have an early/absentee ballot request form mailed or faxed to them. In addition, voters may simply write a letter to the Election Commissioner requesting an early/absentee ballot and include their name, voting address, signature, and the address where they would like the ballot mailed.

An early/absentee ballot request form is also available on the Election Commissioner's web site at: www.lancaster.ne.gov/election. Shively reminded those voters interested in obtaining an early/absentee ballot through the mail that requests must be received in his office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

Another option for voters is to cast an early/absentee ballot in person at the Election Office. Voters who want to vote an early/absentee ballot in person may come directly to the Election Commissioner's Office which is located at 601 North 46th Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Anyone having questions regarding early/absentee voting should contact the election office at (402) 441-7311.

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