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### **Chairman Bulova to Recommend Bi-Partisan Commission to Consider Efficiencies and Improvements During Elections**

**November 8, 2012** – At the next Board of Supervisors meeting, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova plans to recommend the creation of a bi-partisan commission to review and make recommendations regarding Fairfax County’s election process. The commission will be asked to concentrate on ways to improve the County’s efficiency on Election Day, with a specific focus on addressing wait times, long lines, and other voting issues.

This past Tuesday, voter turnout in Fairfax County was 80.5%. In the last presidential election the turnout was 78.7% (with 72,501 fewer registered voters than today). Lines and waits varied throughout the County, as the Chairman waited only twenty minutes at Villa precinct Tuesday morning at about 8 a.m. At other locations however, lines snaked around elementary school parking lots and through buildings, and it was not unusual for voters to have a wait over an hour. The last vote in Fairfax County was cast at 10:30 p.m. at the Skyline precinct in Bailey's Crossroads, which means voters in line by 7 p.m. had to wait three and a half hours before finally casting their ballots.

“While all together the day went well, I think it would be beneficial to examine what lessons we can learn from the 2012 Election,” Chairman Bulova said. “I plan to present this issue to the Board of Supervisors at our next meeting and suggest the formation of a bi-partisan commission to identify ways to reduce lines, decrease wait times, and streamline our election process.”

The next Board of Supervisors meeting takes place on Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

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