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Nov. 6 Election Returns

The primary source for local unofficial election returns for the Nov. 6 General and Special Elections will be the Fairfax County Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb and Fairfax County Government Channel 16. Returns will be updated throughout the night as the county's 226 precincts report in.

For complete unofficial returns for the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates districts and the constitutional offices (Clerk of Court, Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff) that are shared with neighboring jurisdictions, visit the State Board of Elections Web site at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

The Fairfax County Electoral Board expects that unofficial election returns may be significantly delayed this year due to new restrictions on the use of wireless technology in the polling places. The election precincts will manually add the results from their individual voting machines and phone in their returns to the Office of Elections. Election staff will be manually inputting the unofficial results data into spreadsheets that are exported to the county and state Web sites.

Earlier this year, the 2007 General Assembly voted to prohibit the use of wireless communications on voting equipment while the polls are open on Election Day. In order to comply with this legislation, the wireless component on the county's 1,200 voting machines was disabled during the pre-election set-up and testing of the equipment. As a result, the precincts do not have the ability to tabulate their machines wirelessly and cannot transmit their returns via modem to the Fairfax County Government Center.

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