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VOTER TURNOUT PREDICTION FOR 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

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Omaha, Nebr. - Today, Douglas County Election Commissioner Dave Phipps released a turnout prediction for the 2008 Presidential Primary Election of 20%. Phipps attributes the low percentage to several factors, including the fact that primaries generally attract only more activist voters, the Republican party presidential candidate looks to be decided, and the Democrats have chosen their candidate in Nebraska via their caucus last February.

“I wish more people would come out and vote in primaries,” Phipps said. “However, this prediction has to take past results into account, and it doesn’t appear as though there are overwhelming numbers of voters who are interested in voting this month.”

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 13, 2008. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are 297,300 voters registered in Douglas County, including 121,108 Republicans, 115,712 Democrats, and 60,476 Nonpartisan and other party voters. Twenty percent of those voters would amount to nearly 60,000 votes on Election Day.

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If you have any questions, please contact Dave Phipps, Election Commissioner, at (402) 444-7141 or dhipps@votedouglascounty.com.