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**THE MAY 8, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION ENDS IN TIES; THE WINNERS
COULD BE DETERMINED BY FLIPPING A COIN**

(Cleveland) – Official Election results released today by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections show that four contests ended in tie votes. This includes the candidates in the race for Republican State Central Committee, Senate District 23 (woman). Candidates Doris Durica and Candice Miller both received 5,128 votes.

This situation rarely occurs and normally only happens in small races with low numbers of votes. But in this case over 10,000 ballots were cast. “I have been in the election business for over ten years and I have never seen anything of this magnitude,” said Pat McDonald the Director of the Board of Elections. “With the thousands of ballots cast in this race the chances of a tie are extremely low. This also proves once again that every vote counts and that a single ballot can make the difference between who wins and who loses,” said McDonald.

The next step in the process for all of the tied races will be to flip a coin to determine the winner at today’s Board meeting. The contest will then be subject to an automatic re-count. If a tie remains following the re-count the outcome of the coin toss will stand.

There are also coin flips scheduled for the following seats:

Dem County Central Com East Cleveland -03- A

Jacqueline Goodrum	36	41.38 %
O. Mays	36	41.38 %
James Page	14	16.09 %
(Write-In)	1	1.15 %

Dem County Central Com Shaker Heights -00- A

Mary O. Boyle	81	50.00 %
Lisa D. Nguyen	81	50.00 %

Dem County Central Com Middleburg Heights -02- A

David Dean	2	50.00 %
Dan Jenkins	2	50.00 %

The official results will also lead to automatic re-counts for two issues because the differences in the vote totals are less than one half of one percent:

Issue 2: Beachwood CSD - Bond Issue and Tax Levy:

For the Bond Issue and Levy	2,030	49.94%
Against the Bond Issue and Levy	2,035	50.06%

Issue 12: North Olmsted Bond Issue

For the Bond Issue	3,300	49.77%
Against the Bond Issue	3,331	50.23%

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