



**Election Commissioner**

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July 21, 2022

Dear Otoe County Palmyra OR-1 School District Voter,

The Lancaster County Election Commissioner recently sent early voting ballots to Lancaster County and Otoe County registered voters for the August 9, 2022, Palmyra School District (OR-1) School Bond Election. On July 21, 2022, it came to the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's attention that early voting ballots sent to both Lancaster and Otoe County registered voters contained the acknowledgement that the person who would fill out the ballot is a registered *Lancaster* County voter. Voters in Otoe County expressed concern about this acknowledgement, and the Election Commissioner conferred with the Nebraska Secretary of State about this issue.

The Lancaster County Election Commissioner concluded that votes from registered voters in Otoe County **are valid** despite the acknowledgement that the voter is a registered Lancaster County voter. The acknowledgment will not invalidate any Otoe County Voter's ballot.

Registered voters in Otoe County may sign where specified on the "Identification Envelope & Voter's Oath", and they **WILL NOT** be guilty of election falsification. Otoe County voters may strikethrough "Lancaster" and write in "Otoe" if they desire as well.

As a reminder, ballots must be received by the Lancaster County Election Commissioner no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Sincerely,

David J Shively  
Election Commissioner

**Failure to complete and sign this envelope  
will result in your ballot NOT being counted.**

**THIS IS YOUR IDENTIFICATION  
ENVELOPE & VOTER'S OATH**

ANY PERSON WHO SIGNS THIS FORM KNOWING THAT ANY OF THE INFORMATION IN THE FORM IS FALSE SHALL BE GUILTY OF ELECTION FALSIFICATION, A CLASS IV FELONY UNDER SECTION 32-1502 OF THE STATUTES OF NEBRASKA. THE PENALTY FOR ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO TWO YEARS AND TWELVE MONTHS POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OR A FINE NOT TO EXCEED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH.

**VOTER MUST  
SIGN HERE**

I, the undersigned voter, declare that the enclosed ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in such envelope.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I declare under penalty of election falsification that:

- (a) I am a registered voter in Lancaster County;
- (b) I reside in the State of Nebraska at the address printed below;
- (c) I have voted the enclosed ballot and am returning it in compliance with Nebraska law; and
- (d) I have not voted and will not vote in this election except by this ballot.

I also understand that failure to complete the information below will invalidate my ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name*

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*Residence Address*

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