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Election Board honors *Hoy*, Chicago Public Library, Fleet and Facility Management, Mikva Challenge

The Chicago Election Board on Tuesday honored and thanked four organizations – the Chicago Public Library, the Chicago Department of Fleet & Facility Management, Hoy Newspaper and Mikva Challenge – for their supporting roles in the smooth execution of the 2012 Primary Election.

“We have hundreds of valuable partners who help the Board of Election Commissioners behind the scenes every election. We believe it’s important to express our gratitude for all that they do to make election administration a little easier,” said Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

The Board issued “Exceptional Service Awards” to:

- Hoy Newspaper for publishing several days of front-page covers with different and creative graphics that encouraged voter engagement in the week leading up to the March 20, 2012 Primary Election.

- The Chicago Public Library for hosting half of the 51 Early Voting sites in the City and in recognition of the assistance that reference librarians provide to voters with registration forms and on Election Day in locating polling places.

- The City of Chicago Department of Fleet and Facility Management for assisting with access to polling places in public facilities throughout Early Voting, including openings on holidays, and at various polling places on Election Day.

- Mikva Challenge for leading the effort to identify, recruit and train student judges of election. The City of Chicago leads the nation with 1,700 to 2,500 student judges staffing the polling places across the city on Election Day.

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