

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, August 21, 2020

### **EARLY VOTING LOCATION MOVES DOWNTOWN** **Board of Elections Partners with Clark State Performing Arts Center**

Because a higher than usual turnout is expected for early voting, and due to the need for physical distancing for voters and election staff, we determined that using our facility was not ideal for the upcoming election. We began looking for a suitable alternative in June, and in July we identified the Turner Studio Theatre as a potential location. After completing an assessment to determine that the location would meet the requirements of the ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) for polling locations, we entered into a partnership with the Clark State Performing Arts Center to utilize this facility to provide a safe, accessible, and conveniently located early voting center to all Clark County voters.

We are pleased that the location provides a much larger parking area than our own facility, allows for a one-way flow of foot traffic from entrance to exit, and will allow for eight check-in stations (compared to only three that would have fit at our office with social distancing requirements in place), additional accessible voting machines, and extra privacy booths. Voters can expect the same early voting process they have become used to, verifying their identity at the check-in table and casting their completed ballot directly into the digital scan voting machine.

Voters who are planning to vote early at the Turner Studio Theatre should bring their identification, their face mask, and consider bringing their own pen. Hand sanitizer will be available, social distancing guides will be in place, and high touch surfaces will be sanitized regularly.

The Turner Studio Theatre is located at 300 S. Fountain Ave. in Springfield, Ohio.