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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: IHA Recap of November 3 Election Results

In one of the most contentious and closely watched elections in recent memory, IHA has been closely tracking key local, state and national races. This is a brief summary of the results of those races based on various media and other sources as of early this afternoon. Some of these results may be subject to change with final, official tabulations recorded in the coming days (and possibly weeks). We will provide a further update in the near future on the final results.

President

As of early this afternoon, former Vice President Biden is projected to have secured 248 Electoral College votes to President Trump's 214 (270 votes are required to win.).

Battleground states that have not yet been called by news outlets are:

- Georgia - Trump 50.2%/Biden 48.5% (95% of expected vote in)
- Michigan – Trump 48.8%/Biden 49.7% (96% of expected vote in)
- Nevada – Trump 48.6%/Biden 49.2% (67% of expected vote in)
- North Carolina – Trump 50.1%/Biden 48.7 (94% of expected vote in)
- Pennsylvania – Trump 53.4%/Biden 45.4% (64% of expected vote in)

The Associated Press called Wisconsin for Biden at 1:30 p.m.; Trump is asking for a recount: Trump 48.9%/Biden 49.6% (95% of expected vote in)

It may take days to determine the final results of the Presidential race as mail-in and absentee votes continue to be counted.

U.S. Senate

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin was re-elected with 52.3% of the vote.

It remains unknown which party will control the U.S. Senate. Currently, Democrats have 47 seats to Republicans' 48. Still uncalled are races in the battleground states of Georgia, Michigan and North Carolina.

In Georgia, two Republican Senators are running for re-election and under state law must secure more than 50% of the vote to avoid a January runoff. As of this morning, with 94% of the expected vote in, Sen. David Perdue has 50.6%. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, who faced three challengers, has 26.4% of the vote, making a runoff certain (94% of expected vote in).

In Michigan, Senator Gary Peters (D) has 49.1% (a lead of 0.1%) with 98% of the expected vote in.

The final outcome is also unknown in North Carolina, where Sen. Thom Tillis (R) currently has a slight lead (48.7%) over his challenger Cal Cunningham (D) (46.9%) with 93% of expected vote in.

U.S. House

Democrats are expected to retain control of the House, even as many races remain uncalled this afternoon. Among them is Rep. Lauren Underwood's (D-IL-14) race against Jim Oberweis®, who is currently leading with 50.1% to Underwood's 49.9% (100% of precincts reporting). Also not yet called is IL-17, where Rep. Cheri Bustos (D) has a 51.7% lead over Esther Joy King (R) (48.3%), with 99.9% of precincts reporting. In the other contested U.S. House race in the state, Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13) held onto his seat with a 54.6% advantage over challenger Betsey Dirksen Londrigan. The race in the 6th Congressional District was tighter than expected, with Sean Casten (D) winning with 51.5%. One definite newcomer to the Illinois Congressional Delegation will be Representative-elect Mary Miller (R), who won the 15th district represented by retiring Rep. John Shimkus.

Illinois Judicial and General Assembly Contests

Despite a 12-point margin by Joe Biden, winning the state's 20 electoral votes, the Illinois GOP had a much better night than expected. Republicans focused their resources on defeating the Fair Tax Constitutional Amendment and electing a Republican majority on the Illinois Supreme Court. The amendment failed (55% No, 45% Yes), along with Supreme Court Justice Tom Kilbride's (D) retention effort. Also, Republican David Overstreet defeated Democrat Judy Cates in the Supreme Court race in southern Illinois.

In a shocking development, Illinois House Minority Leader Durkin gained two seats. Some pundits had predicted the House Republican caucus could lose as many as eight or nine seats. In the House, all 118 seats were on the ballot, with 66 of those being contested. Of those contested seats, 30 are held by Democrats and 36 by Republicans. Democrats will lose two seats in southern Illinois, Nathan Reitz and Monica Bristow, and likely two seats in the Chicago suburbs, Mary Edly-Allen and Diane Pappas. Republicans will lose two seats – Grant Werhli and Allen Skillicorn.

Several House races remain tight. Republicans are likely to hold on to the seats held by John Cabello, Brad Stephens, Tom Morrison, Amy Grant, Deanne Mazzochi, Dan Ugaste, and Mark Batinick. Trends are favoring Democrats Lance Yednock, Joyce Mason, Terra Costa-Howard, Michael Halpin, and Anne Stava-Murray.

Regardless of the outcome of these close races, the House Democrats will likely maintain super majority status with 72 Democrats and 46 Republicans (71 members comprise a super-majority).

In the Illinois Senate, 22 of the Senate's 59 seats were on the ballot. Of those 22 seats up for election, half were contested. Of those contested seats, 9 were held by

Democrats and 2 by Republicans. Every election night has a surprise, and this year the surprise is the extraordinarily close challenge to Senator Robert Martwick. The completely unfunded GOP candidate, police officer Anthony Beckman, is only trailing by 27 votes. The open 25th Senate District, vacated by Jim Oberweis (R) who ran for Congress, will likely flip to Democrat control. Former state Representative Karina Villa leads Jeanette Ward, by 1,148 votes. In the 46th District, Senate Republicans saw a potential pick up of the seat held by Senator Dave Koehler (D-Peoria). Tazewell County Treasurer Mary Burress ran a strong campaign but came up short.

If Martwick and Villa hold on to their leads, Democrats will have increased their hold in the Senate and gained one seat. The Chamber will likely now be 41 Democrats and 18 Republicans (36 is a super majority).

Election Coverage Links

For the latest tallies and overview of local, state and national election results, visit these sites:

- *Associated Press (AP)*
- *Chicago Sun-Times*
- *Chicago Tribune*
- *Modern Healthcare* (subscription required)
- *Quad City Times*
- *State Journal-Register*
- *The Southern Illinoisan*