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City Held First Mock Election For Kids at Halloween Party

Brooklyn Center, MN, Oct. 31, 2017 - Princesses, superheroes and other characters from across Brooklyn Center cast their vote in the City's first mock election for kids. This year's list of candidates included Bride of Frankenstein, Dracula, Casper the Friendly Ghost, Frankenstein, the Good Witch and Werewolf. Over 150 voters ranging from ages 18-months to 12 years old participated.

Before voting, each participant had to visit the City of Brooklyn Center's registration desk. Voters received voting instructions, signed for their ballots and then entered the private booths to fill out their ballots. Some requested special assistance from their "mummy" or daddy. After voting and leaving the booth, the ballot was then placed into a secure box. Each voter received an "I voted" sticker and candy before leaving. "To get kids to see, experience and understand what their parents and adults do when voting is amazing," said Deputy City Manager Dr. Reggie Edwards.

The voters were passionate about who they wanted to win. Just before placing the ballot in the ballot box a little mermaid, joined by a power ranger, made it clear that they were casting their votes for the Good Witch and Casper the Friendly Ghost. This interactive activity was a fun way to engage youth and educated them on a voting process. Everyone had a voice! One proud father had a photo of his small son standing at a precinct during the past presidential election. The father indicated that his son went with him to vote, but this time he is with his son.

The City of Brooklyn Center Administration Voting booth was one of several registered at the Recreation Halloween Party. The event was held at the Community Center on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. There were 23 game stations, entertainment by Kidsdance DJ and over 500 event participants. For event photos, please visit us on facebook@BrooklynCenterMN and facebook@BrooklynCenterRec. Election results will be available on facebook by the end of the week.

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