

## Early Absentee Voting Urged by SC NAACP

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The South Carolina State Conference, NAACP is urging registered voters age 65 or older and those who otherwise qualify to vote early by absentee ballot to do so. A complete list of qualifiers to vote absentee may be reviewed at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org) .

Absentee voting may be done by mail or in-person. Expanded use of the absentee process will help to alleviate potential crowding at the polls on Election Day. At least one absentee precinct is currently being staffed by elections officials in each county however, the hours of operation may vary so voters should call their local election commission office for details on schedules and locations.

Richland County Election Commission has added Dreher High School in Columbia as an additional temporary location for in-person absentee voting. The Dreher High site will only operate from 9a.m. to 1p.m. on Saturday, November 3, and for the 2012 General Election, voters need only present a valid South Carolina Voter's Registration Card in order to vote.

The NAACP has a longstanding tradition of coordinating free rides to the polls on Election Day. In South Carolina, this service is being offered early to residents in Richland County in order to maximize access during the Saturday hours established for in-person absentee voting in the county. The rides are being donated by a variety of business, community and faith organizations to promote civic participation.

To schedule a pick-up, voters registered in Richland County should contact the South Carolina State Conference, NAACP at, (803)754-4584. Voters who reside in other counties across the

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state may contact their local NAACP for details on free rides to the polls. In addition, voters who will cast a ballot on Election Day should contact their local election commission or visit one of these sites to confirm their polling place in advance. Please visit [scvotes.org](http://scvotes.org) or, [thisismyvote.org](http://thisismyvote.org).