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MTV News - Mobilizing Displaced Voters to Vote in New Orleans Mayoral Election

New York, NY – Saturday, May 20, 2006 is the New Orleans Mayoral election. Due to hurricane Katrina, there are potentially **hundreds of thousands of eligible voters displaced throughout the United States**. Given that the deadline to request an absentee ballot is **May 19 at 4:30 PM**, it is critical we reach out to all of these potential voters to ensure they play a role in choosing who leads the effort to rebuild New Orleans.

To increase voter turnout, MTV is airing this video news segment (<http://www.mtv.com/overdrive/index.jhtml?vid=87352>) in heavy rotation, and has developed this web page (http://www.mtv.com/news/articles/1531904/05162006/id_0.jhtml?headlines=true) for more information on how evacuees can get their absentee ballot and then vote. Please share these links as widely, and as soon as possible. Displaced voters needing additional information or an absentee ballot can contact the Louisiana Secretary of State Elections Division: 1-800-883-2805; elections@sos.louisiana.gov. Thank you.