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EARLY VOTING RESULTS ARE IN BIG WIN FOR A REAL POLITICAL DINOSAUR

WEST HARTFORD, Oct. 29, 2008 – While the voters appeared ready to vote for change, the victory went to a real political dinosaur: Tyrannosaurus rex. Over 6,300 kids cast ballots at a mock rock polling place in the Excavation Station exhibit at The Children's Museum in West Hartford during the past five months. It was a spirited contest between prehistoric heavy-weight T. rex, former flyer Pterodactyl, and third-party candidate Triceratops.

With 6,387 votes tallied during Vote-a-Saurus 2008, 49% went to T. rex, 31% to Pterodactyl, and 20% to Triceratops.

“This was a fun way to mix science and civics for kids,” said Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum. “Lucky for T.Rex, there is no run-off election. However, complaints have been filed about the full-size, roaring animatronic juvenile T. Rex model on display within 75 feet of the polling place.”

“Now let's see how Obamasaurus and McCainaraptor do next week,” added Sullivan.

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. More information is available at

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