

October 11, 2017

TO: Shari Moore
FROM: Joe Mansky
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRECINCT BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS

In preparation for the state primary and state general election in 2018, we have the following recommendations for modification of the boundaries of two sets of precincts. The proposed effective date for both precinct boundary changes would be January 1, 2018.

1. Combine Ward 1 Precinct 15 and Ward 1 Precinct 17

We recommend that Ward 1 Precinct 15 and Ward 1 Precinct 17 be combined into a single precinct and that the Rice Street Library be designated as the polling place for the precinct.

We learned several weeks ago that the North Emanuel Lutheran Church, which was the polling place for Ward 1 Precinct 15, has been sold. Consequently, it is no longer available for our use. Ward 1 Precinct 17 uses the Rice Street Library as its polling place and there is room for the voters from both precincts at this location. It is a city-owned facility and is fully accessible.

The resulting single precinct would be renamed Ward 1 Precinct 15.

2. Transfer territory from Ward 3 Precinct 10 to Ward 3 Precinct 11.

Ward 3 Precinct 10 currently encompasses the area bounded by Highland Parkway, Hamline Avenue, West Seventh Street, Davern Street, Montreal Avenue and Fairview Avenue. There is a large concentration of apartment buildings along St Paul Avenue and the adjacent part of Davern Street that is somewhat remote from the polling place for this precinct, which is at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. To better serve these voters, we propose to transfer the part of Ward 3 Precinct 10 bounded by Davern Street, St Paul Avenue and West Seventh Street to Ward 3 Precinct 11. The polling place for that precinct is at The Wellington, which is located within walking distance of the apartment complex.

We will send a mailed notice to all voters affected by these precinct boundary changes prior to the 2018 state primary.

Please let me know if you have questions about these recommended changes.