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TO: Shari Moore

FROM: Joe Mansky

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS AND RELATED PRECINCT BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS

We have now completed the annual inspection of our polling places and have the following recommendations for the designation of new polling places in preparation for the city and school district election this fall.

We also recommend the modification of the boundaries of several precincts, as indicated below. The elimination of two precincts will reduce the capital costs of the new voting system acquisition by approximately \$20,000 and similarly reduce annual operating costs as well.

A. Proposed polling place changes

Ward 1 Precinct 4

Current location: Model Cities
Proposed location: St Stephanus Lutheran Church

Reason: The Model Cities building is closed pending reconstruction. We have indicated our interest in returning in 2016 or 2017 when their building reopens. St Stephanus Church is an existing polling place location and can handle additional voters.

Ward 2 Precinct 3

Current location: Nova Classical Academy
Proposed location: Adams School

Reason: Nova would prefer not to be a polling place location. Adams School is a former polling place location.

Ward 2 Precinct 12

Current location: Baker Community Center

Proposed location: Cherokee Heights Elementary School

Reason: The community center is under renovation in 2015 through December. Our intent is to return there for the 2016 elections. Both the school and the community center are in the same building complex.

Ward 6 Precinct 5

Current location: Arlington Hills Recreation Center

Proposed location: Eastside Community Lutheran Church

Ward 6 Precinct 6

Current location: John A. Johnson Elementary School

Proposed location: Arlington Hills Recreation Center

Reason: Both proposed polling place changes are related to a proposed change in the precinct boundaries in that part of the East Side. These changes should help to equalize the number of voters going to both locations, which will be beneficial for both the voters and the election judges, and to bring the polling place locations in more convenient locations for the voters.

B. Proposed precinct boundary changes

Ward 4 Precinct 4 and Ward 4 Precinct 5

We recommend that these two precincts be combined into a single precinct. Both precincts already use the Merriam Park Recreation Center as their polling place and operating a single precinct will be more efficient and create less confusion for both the voters and the election judges.

Ward 6 Precinct 2, Ward 6 Precinct 5 and Ward 6 Precinct 6

We recommend that these three precincts be combined into two precincts. The dividing line between the resulting two precincts would be along Forest Street, as illustrated by the attached map. These changes will bring more voters in Ward 6 Precinct 5 closer to their polling place and enable staff to more effectively manage the polling place operation at the recreation center.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of these proposed changes.