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TO: Shari Moore

FROM: Joe Mansky

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

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 state primary and state general election this year.

We also recommend the modification of the boundaries of several precincts, as indicated below.

A. Proposed polling place changes

Ward 2 Precinct 3 and Ward 2 Precinct 5

Current locations: Adams School (Precinct 3) and Awaken Community Church (Precinct 5)

Proposed locations: Awaken Community Church (Precinct 3) and Palace Community Center  
(Precinct 5)

Reason: The renovation of Palace Community Center is now complete and we prefer to return the polling place for Precinct 5 to that location. The current polling place at Awaken Community Church would then be reassigned as the polling place for Precinct 3.

Ward 2 Precinct 12

Current location: Cherokee Heights Elementary School

Proposed location: Baker Community Center

Reason: The renovation of Baker Community Center is now complete and we prefer to return the polling place to that location.

#### Ward 6 Precinct 1

Current location: Johnson High School

Proposed location: Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church

Reason: Johnson High School will be having construction work done this summer which will made it unavailable for use as a polling place. Gustavus Adolphus Church is in the precinct, has a large space for use as the polling place and has extensive parking for voters.

#### Ward 6 Precinct 2

Current location: Farnsworth School

Proposed location: First Covenant Church

Reason: Farnsworth School is an older building that was not designed for accessibility and has limited parking. First Covenant Church is located across the street from Farnsworth School, has a large meeting room suitable for the voting area and has a large parking lot for use by the voters.

#### B. Proposed precinct boundary changes

##### Combine Ward 6 Precinct 9 and Ward 6 Precinct 13

We recommend that the portion of Precinct 9 located east of Johnson Parkway be combined with Precinct 13 into a single precinct. Both precincts already use the Hazel 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. The part of Precinct 9 that is located west of Johnson Parkway would then be combined with Precinct 5.

##### Create a new precinct – Ward 1 Precinct 17

Ward 1 Precinct 15 is currently a fairly large precinct now voting at North Emanuel Lutheran Church. This precinct includes the Lewis Park Apartments, which is a housing facility for individuals with disabilities. Some of the residents of this facility have indicated that the polling place is too difficult for them to travel to and enter. To help resolve this problem, we recommend that a new precinct be created out of the territory at the eastern end of Precinct 15, bounded by Rice Street, Atwater Street, Marion Street and Front Street. This precinct would be designated as Ward 1 Precinct 17 and the Rice Street library would be established as its polling place.

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