



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 23, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution to revise the voting precinct boundaries to align with Congressional Districts established by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In December 2021, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission approved a redistricting plan for US Congressional, State Senate, and State House representatives. City Council approved a minor change in Precincts 12 and 13 on March 14, 2022 so the boundary line would follow the State Senate District boundary line.

On April 13, 2022, the Oakland County Elections Division brought to our attention that there are larger impacts when precincts have two Congressional Districts, like in Precincts 11 and 14. At the local level, staff was prepared to ensure voters are issued the ballot style with their Congressional district. However, at the County and State level, a Congressional split would affect the election of Precinct Delegates in even-year elections and reporting in Presidential Primary Elections. The County strongly urged the Election Commission and City Council approve changes to align the precinct boundaries with the Congressional District boundaries to avoid these conflicts.

Under MCL 168.661(3), the deadline to make changes to precinct boundaries for the 2024 election cycle is December 29, 2023. If approved, new voter ID cards will be mailed to all registered voters to notify them of district changes and polling location changes. Approximately 650 voters are affected by a polling location change.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a resolution to revise the voting precinct boundaries to align with Congressional Districts established by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.