



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: June 10, 2020

Subject: 2020 Election Precinct Change

The 2020 Legislature passed a law that requires the City to move election precincts out of all schools unless there is no other place to hold the election. Precinct 2, which is the portion of the City between University Avenue and Highway 65, south of 81st Avenue, currently votes at the High School. Precinct 3, which is the portion of the City between University Avenue and Highway 65, north of 81st Avenue, currently votes at Park Terrace Elementary. The Law states that the City can establish new polling places for 2020 by no later than July 1, 2020.

City staff reached out to Emmanuel Christian Center to see if they would be willing to host all of our polling places at their facility at 7777 University Avenue. Tim Sanders, Director of Community Partnerships, provided us with a tour of the facility and expressed their support for the City using their facilities for both the Primary and General Election. Staff is grateful to ECC for their willingness to host the election.

After much discussion, staff has decided to recommend moving Precinct 1 to ECC as well to allow staff to more easily address any potential shortages of election judges due to COVID-19 by reallocating judges between polling places depending on need and to allow staff to work from ECC on Election Day to support our election judges.

If this is approved, the City will be sending a mailing to all affected voters to inform them of the polling location change, pursuant to State Law. In addition, we will also inform residents of the change in the next utility bill and in the next City newsletter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

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