



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

E-06

Date December 12, 2007

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: Tonni L. Bartholomew, City Clerk

SUBJECT: **Proposed City of Troy Precinct Boundary Alterations & Relocations**

Background:

- The City Clerk's Office has reviewed City precincts and polling locations and recommends that City Council approve the proposed precinct boundary alterations and polling relocations. The Election Commission was provided a copy of this memorandum at their meeting held on Friday, December 7, 2007. Attached is a copy of the Election Commission minutes recommending approval of the proposed changes to City Council.

The City Clerk's office has reviewed precincts boundaries and polling locations to determine compliancy with State Statute requirements, County Commissioner Districts and school districts due to 2005 School Reconsolidation Legislation wherein the City Clerk's office coordinates and/or administers the school district elections as individual districts and as a conglomeration of districts on ballots along with federal, state and local candidates and propositions causing a need for multiple ballot styles within several of the City of Troy precincts. Throughout the review, consideration was given in regard to the impact this legislation has on the current polling locations in terms of servicing the voters and the polling locations ability to effectively administer elections.

The major factor in the boundary decision-making process is the elimination of multiple ballot styles. Multiple ballot styles within precincts add to the cost of elections due to additional ballot coding and printing expenses. It also warrants noting that multiple ballot styles in precincts contribute to longer lines, voter and Election Inspector confusion and increases the potential of incorrect ballot issuing to voters. The various precinct splits added 11 multiple ballot styles to the November 2007 Regular Election for a total of 28 ballot styles for 17 precincts. Reorganized precincts would have reduced that number to 16 ballot styles for 17 precincts. The only remaining ballot style issue upon adoption of the proposed boundary alterations and precinct relocations will be tied to the new Precinct 31 for the Bloomfield School District located at the Nature Center where a precinct split is required when the County Commissioner District is on the ballot. This situation will impact a total of 36 voters.

Precinct and polling location size were also very important factors in the drawing of precinct boundaries. The significance of the location size is tied to our ability to continue the practice of consolidating precincts for elections that do not contain state or federal offices/questions. School district boundaries have been utilized as definitive precinct boundaries in the proposed resolution and are permissible under Election Law. Precinct

numbers were sustained where possible and the precinct numbering pattern continued to follow section numbers as closely as possible. The numbering of precincts with splits and combinations was accomplished by allowing the portion of the precinct with the largest number of voters to retain the precinct number. Precinct 31 is the exception to the numbering system as there was not a number available for reassignment in that section.

- Polling locations were also addressed by the Clerk's Office. There are concerns with several polling locations in respect to parking constraints, and/or location or the size of the rooms available within the facility. To address these issues, the Clerk's office recently met with the administrative staff of Woodside Bible Church to discuss the possibility of becoming a polling location. The Woodside facility can easily accommodate two precincts that would encompass all Troy voters in the Avondale School District. We are expecting to receive a decision from Woodside soon. If we are unable to relocate the Avondale School District voters to Woodside, we would then retain Faith Apostolic Church as a polling location and transfer all Avondale School District voters to that location.

Precincts 12 and 13 have also been a concern since their relocation from the Fire & Police Training Center to Bethesda Romanian Pentecostal Church. While the facility serves as a valuable election partner, it cannot accommodate the number of voters registered in these two precincts. This situation becomes especially evident during a high voter turnout election such as the upcoming Presidential Election in November. For that reason, we are requesting to relocate Precinct 12, the smaller of the two precincts, back to the Fire and Police Training Center.

In addition to the two new locations listed above, a number of voters will be relocated within existing precincts. The relocation of these voters is directly related to segregating school districts by creating stand alone precincts. As a result, the Troy Community Center will house a third precinct, Precinct 30, which will combine 630 voters from the Royal Oak and Lamphere School Districts.

The overall result of the proposed City of Troy precinct and boundary alterations, and relocations amount to the addition of one precinct (Precinct 31), the establishment of two new polling locations (Woodside Bible Church and the Fire & Police Training Center), the elimination of one current polling location (Faith Apostolic Church) and the relocation of voters within in twelve current precincts (Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 18, 19, 24, 29 and 30). If Woodside Bible Church is unable to serve as a polling location, the overall result would be the addition of one precinct (Precinct 31), the establishment of one new polling location (Fire & Police Training Center) and the relocation of voters within twelve current precincts (Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 18, 19, 24, 29 and 30).

City Management recommends that the City precinct boundaries and polling locations be changed as indicated on the attached precinct map including the addition of two new polling locations effective with the May 6, 2008 Regular Election. This May election currently is slated to be utilized only by the Warren Consolidated School District. Therefore, most affected voters will be notified of the relocation immediately following the January 15, 2008 Primary Election.

All voters relocated to a new polling location will receive a new voter identification card. Additionally, new precinct maps will be posted at the Library, Community Center and City Hall. Several news releases will be prepared and sent to all local newspapers, Cable TV and Troy Today. All existing polling locations will distribute flyers to voters at the Primary Election on January 15, 2008 advising them of their new location.

- Notification will also be posted at current and former locations during the 2008 election cycle to notify voters that might inadvertently report to their former voting location. Maps and copies of the new precinct boundary details and polling locations will be forwarded to the Secretary of State and Oakland County upon adoption.

Financial Considerations:

- The one-time cost for printing and mailing new voter identification cards to voters is estimated at \$6,000.00. Additionally, there will be costs associated with the new Precinct 31 for even-year August and November elections. The reoccurring costs will be for ballots, coding, inspectors and miscellaneous supplies. One-time expenditures for approximately \$15,000.00 will be needed for additional equipment and supplies. It should be noted that additional polling locations are not required for non-federal and state elections due to the ability to consolidate precincts which will result in the same number of precincts as currently permitted during these types of elections.

Legal Considerations:

- There are no known policy considerations.

Policy Considerations:

- There are no known policy considerations.

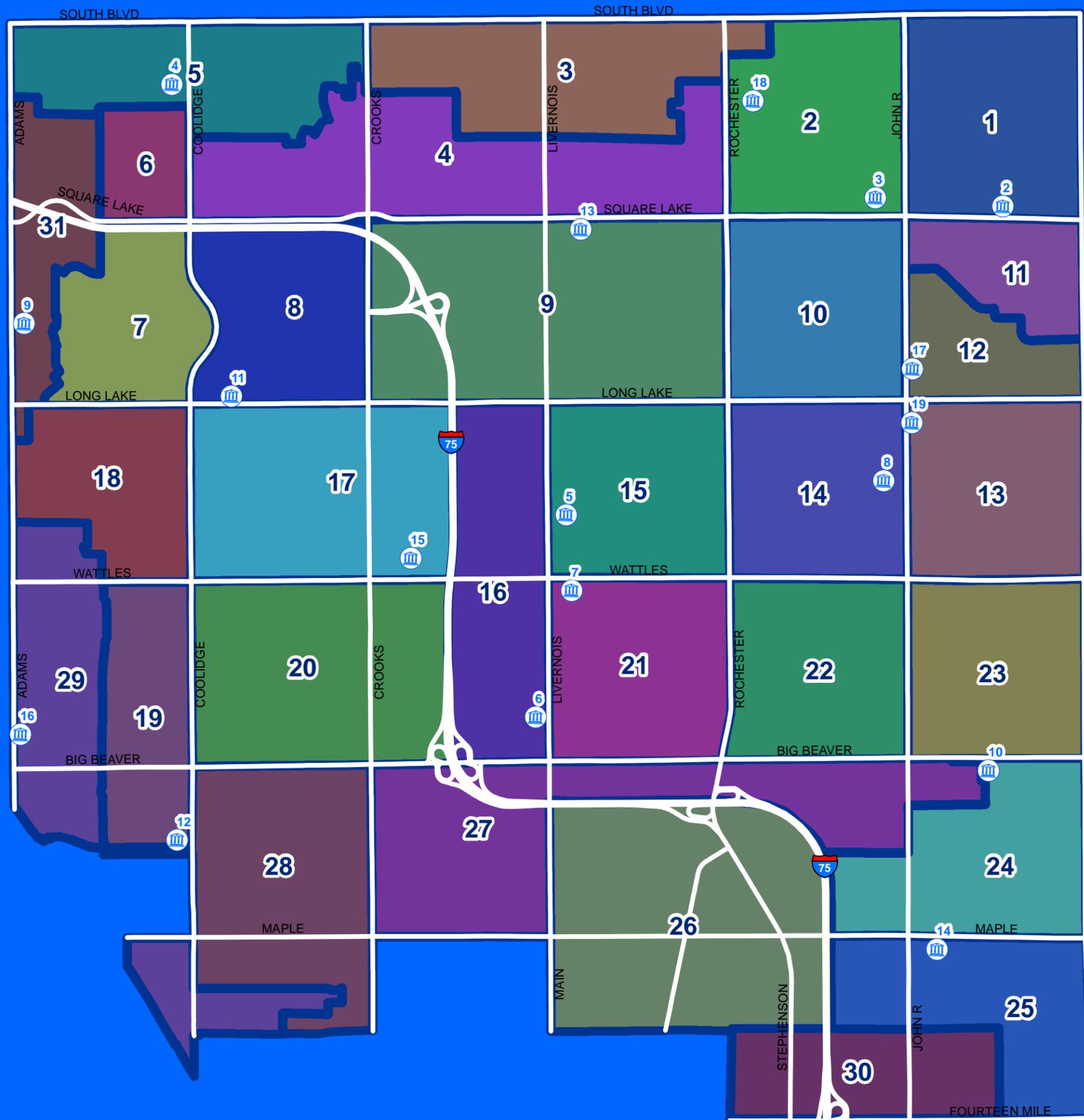
Options:

- Adopt the proposed new precinct boundaries and polling location resolution or continue to utilize existing precincts with multiple school districts and ballot styles within precincts.



City of
Troy

Voting Precinct Map



PRECINCT	ADDRESS	LOCATION	MAP ID
1	2601 E SQUARE LAKE	EVANSWOOD CHURCH OF GOD	2
2	1825 E SQUARE LAKE	KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	3
3	6660 ROCHESTER	WOODSIDE BIBLE CHURCH	18
4	280 E SQUARE LAKE	ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH	13
5	6660 ROCHESTER	WOODSIDE BIBLE CHURCH	18
6	6685 COOLIDGE HWY.	TROY NATURE CENTER	4
7	5500 ADAMS	ST STEPHEN EPISCOPAL CHURCH	9
8	1800 W LONG LAKE	NORTHFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH	11
9	280 E SQUARE LAKE	ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH	13
10	1825 E SQUARE LAKE	KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	3
11	2601 E SQUARE LAKE	EVANSWOOD CHURCH OF GOD	2
12	4850 JOHN R	POLICE & FIRE TRAINING CENTER	12
13	2075 E LONG LAKE	BETHESDA ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	17
14	4571 JOHN R	ST ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH	8
15	200 E WATTLES	ST LUCY CROATIAN CHURCH	7
16	4328 LIVERNOIS	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	16
17	760 W WATTLES	ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	15
18	5500 ADAMS	ST STEPHEN EPISCOPAL CHURCH	9
19	2345 COOLIDGE	ST ALAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	12
20	760 W WATTLES	ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	15
21	200 E WATTLES	ST LUCY CROATIAN CHURCH	7
22	4571 JOHN R	ST ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH	8
23	2442 E BIG BEAVER	ST JOSEPH CHALDEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	10
24	2160 E MAPLE	ST GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	14
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26	3179 LIVERNOIS	TROY COMMUNITY CENTER	6
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28	2345 COOLIDGE	ST ALAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	12
29	3150 N ADAMS	NORTH HILLS CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	16
30	3179 LIVERNOIS	TROY COMMUNITY CENTER	6
31	6685 COOLIDGE HWY.	TROY NATURE CENTER	4

A meeting of the Troy Election Commission was held Friday, December 7, 2007, at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver Road. City Clerk Bartholomew called the Meeting to order at 7:35 AM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: David Anderson, City Clerk
Tonni Bartholomew
ABSENT: Timothy Dewan

Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 1, 2007

Resolution #EC-2007-12-011
Moved by Anderson
Seconded by Bartholomew

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Monday, October 1, 2007, are **APPROVED** as submitted.

Yes: Anderson, Bartholomew
No: None
Absent: Dewan

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Election Inspector Assignments – Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Presidential Primary Election**

Resolution #EC-2007-12-012
Moved by Anderson
Seconded by Bartholomew

RESOLVED, That Election Inspectors be appointed for the Tuesday, January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary Election, as presented by the City Clerk, are hereby **APPROVED**.

Yes: Anderson, Bartholomew
No: None
Absent: Dewan

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Proposed Precinct Alterations and Relocations

Resolution #EC-2007-12-013
Moved by Anderson
Seconded by Bartholomew

RESOLVED, That the Election Commission hereby **RECOMMENDS** the City of Troy alterations of precinct boundaries and relocation polling locations to the City Council for adoption as follows:

PCT #	BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	POLLING LOCATION
1	Section 1	Evanswood Church of God 2601 E. Square Lake
2	Section 2 in the Troy School District	Kensington Community Church 1825 E. Square Lake
3	Sections 2, 3 and 4 in the Avondale School District	Woodside Bible Church 6600 Rochester
4	Sections 3, 4 and 5 in the Troy School District	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 280 E. Square Lake
5	Sections 5 and 6 in the Avondale School District	Woodside Bible Church 6600 Rochester
6	Section 6 in the Troy School District	Nature Center 6685 Coolidge Hwy.
7	Section 7 in the Troy School District and Section 8 west of Coolidge Highway	St. Stephen Episcopal Church 5500 Adams
8	Section 8 east of Coolidge Highway	Northfield Hills Baptist Church 1800 W. Long Lake
9	Sections 9 & 10	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 280 E. Square Lake
10	Section 11	Kensington Community Church 1825 E. Square Lake
11	Section 12 north of Highbury, east of Harbor, north of Willard, north and east of English	Evanswood Church of God 2601 E. Square Lake
12	Section 12 south of Highbury, west of Harbor, south of Willard, south and west of English	Fire & Police Training Center 4850 John R
13	Section 13	Bethesda Romanian Pentecostal Church 2075 E. Long Lake
14	Section 14	St. Anastasia Catholic Church 4571 John R
15	Section 15	St. Lucy Catholic Croatian Church 200 E. Wattles
16	Section 16 east of I-75 and Section 21 east of I-75	First Presbyterian Church 4328 Livernois
17	Section 16 west of I-75 and Section 17	St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 760 W. Wattles
18	Section 18 in the Troy School District	St. Stephen Episcopal Church 5500 Adams
19	Sections 19 and 30 in the Troy	St. Alan Catholic Church

PCT #	BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION	POLLING LOCATION
	School District	3077 Gloucester
20	Section 20 and Section 21 west of I-75	St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church 760 W. Wattles
21	Section 22	St. Lucy Catholic Croatian Church 200 E. Wattles
22	Section 23	St. Anastasia Catholic Church 4571 John R
23	Section 24	St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church 2442 E. Big Beaver
24	Sections 25 and 26 in the Warren Consolidated School District and Lamphere School District	St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 2160 E. Maple
25	Sections 35 and 36 in the Warren Consolidated School District	St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 2160 E. Maple
26	Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 south of I-75 in the Troy School District	Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois
27	Section 28 and Sections 25, 26, and 27 north of I-75 and south of E. Big Beaver in Sections in the Troy School District	Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois
28	Sections 29 and 32 in the Troy School District	St. Alan Catholic Church 3077 Gloucester
29	Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31 in the Birmingham School District	North Hills Christian Reformed Church 3150 N. Adams
30	Section 35 in the Royal Oak School District and the Lamphere School District	Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois
31	Sections 6, 7, and 18 in the Bloomfield Hills School District	Nature Center 6685 Coolidge Hwy.

Yes: Anderson, Bartholomew

No: None

Absent: Dewan

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 AM.

Tonni L. Bartholomew, MMC
City Clerk

**DISTRIBUTION OF VOTERS
WITHIN THE CITY OF TROY**

CURRENT Pct.#	PROPOSED Pct. #	SCHOOL DISTRICTS						COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS				CURRENT	PROPOSED	
		Troy	Avondale	Birmingham	Bloomfield	Royal Oak	Warren Con	District #13	District #19	District #20	District #24	POLLING LOCATION	POLLING LOCATION	
1	1	1143						1143				Evanswood	Evanswood	
2	2	2083						2083				Kensington	Kensington	
2	3		42					42				Kensington	Woodside OR Faith Apostolic	
3			828					828				St. Elizabeth Ann Seton		
4				879					879			Faith Apostolic		
3	4	540						540				St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
4		1169						1169				Faith Apostolic		
5			867						867			Faith Apostolic		
6	6	514						514				Nature Center	Nature Center	
5	5		974					974				Faith Apostolic	Woodside OR Faith Apostolic	
6				407					407			Nature Center		
6	31				227			227				Nature Center	Nature Center	
7					480			480				St. Stephen		
18						36					36	St. Stephen		
7	7	1681						1681				St. Stephen	St. Stephen	
18	18	1536								1536		St. Stephen	St. Stephen	
19	19	945								945		North Hills Christian	St. Alan	
29		533								533		St. Alan		
8	8	1794						1794				Northfield Hills Baptist	Northfield Hills Baptist	
9	9	2116						2116				St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
10	10	1791						1791				Kensington	Kensington	
11	11	1736							1736			Evanswood	Evanswood	
12	12	1317							1317			Bethesda	Fire & Police Training	
13	13	2638							2638			Bethesda	Bethesda	
14	14	1722							1722			St. Anastasia	St. Anastasia	
15	15	1683							1683			St. Lucy	St. Lucy	
16	16	1428							1428			First Presbyterian	First Presbyterian	
17	17	2169							2169			St. Nicholas	St. Nicholas	
18	29			182						182		St. Stephen	North Hills Christian	
19				1240						1240		North Hills Christian		
29					859						859			St. Alan
20	20	2038							2038			St. Nicholas	St. Nicholas	
21	21	1331							1331			St. Lucy	St. Lucy	
22	22	2332							2332			St. Anastasia	St. Anastasia	
23	23	2194							2194			St. Joseph	St. Joseph	
24	24						1272				1272	St. Joseph	St. George	
30								1704				1704		St. George
25	25										1783	St. George	St. George	
30	26	53									53	St. George	Community Center	
26		2480										2480		Community Center
24	27	332									332	St. Joseph	Community Center	
27		1131							1131			Community Center		
28	28	1510							1510			St. Alan	St. Alan	
30	30						630					630	St. George	Community Ctr-New Pct.
TOTAL VOTERS		42806	3130	2281	743	630	4759	17535	23229	5331	8254	54349	54349	