BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Special Meeting :

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before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Bradley K. Sinnott, and Gregory K. Haas at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:21 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2014.

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4 1 PROCEEDINGS 3 4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good morning. I would 5 like to start -- call to order the Franklin County 6 Board of Elections meeting. I'll do the roll call. 7 Kimberly Marinello. 8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here. 9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Greg Haas. BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Here. 10 11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse. 12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here. 13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Brad Sinnott. 14 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here. DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have 15 16 a full house. 17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you for calling 18 us to order. Now I'll ask our long familiar 19 Assistant County Prosecutor to introduce his 20 colleague to the Board. 21 MR. ANDERSON: Tim will be actually kind 2.2. of replacing me in the day-to-day, in dealing with

works in business, on the business staff with me, and

elections matters for the Prosecutor's office. He

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      the person that you'll see at your monthly meetings
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      and I'll only show up on probably special occasions
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      and election day so that -- Tim will --
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Welcome, Tim.
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Welcome.
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                  MR. LECKLIDER: Thank you.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, welcome indeed.
                  MS. SHAFFER: What is the last name?
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                  MR. LECKLIDER: L-e-c-k-l-i-d-e-r.
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                  MS. SHAFFER: Thank you.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you. Okay.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The first item on the
      agenda will be the approval of the minutes of the
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      May 19th and the 27th and the June 2nd meetings by
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      the Board of Elections as submitted.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move the Board
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      approve the minutes of the May 19th, May 27th, and
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      June 2nd meetings of the Board of Elections as
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?
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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I will now -- I will send this around for everyone's signature.

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The second item on the agenda will be to set the early vote hours for the August Special. As you all know, we've got a new directive from the Secretary of State's office that set the hours for our elections. So we just want to codify that with a board vote.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I'll move that the Board rescind the in-person absentee voting hours for the August 5th Special Election established at the Board's June 2nd meeting, and replace them with the hours set by the Secretary of State Directive 2014-17.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

(All ayes heard.)

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Those opposed?

(No response.)

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The ayes have it.

The next item on the agenda would be the machine allocation for the August Special Election and you have that in Exhibit A.

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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have a Special 2 Election in the Licking Heights School District for 3 the August Special on August 5th. Per one of our 4 last meetings we did consolidate some of those 5 locations down into three locations. Before you in 6 Exhibit A is the machine allocation formula that is 7 based off our normal allocation formula of one 8 machine for every 175 registered voters in that 9 polling location. BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: There's not much 10 11 in Franklin County that participates in this Special 12 Election. 13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No, there's about 14 -- I think it was around 7,000 or so registered voters, somewhere in that neighborhood. 15 16 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I 17 move the Board adopt the voting machine allocation 18 formula in Exhibit A compiled by the Board staff for the August 5th, 2014, Special Election. 19 20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second? 21 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second. 2.2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor? 2.3 (All ayes heard.) DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. 24

The next item is the paper ballot allocation for the August Special and that's in Exhibit B.

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paper ballot allocations are always done by ballot style because we do have usually numerous ballot styles based on precinct and everything. For this issue there actually will only be one style because there's only one issue on the ballot so you can't really do any rotation with that or anything so because there's only one. On Exhibit B is a formula that will basically allocate 25 paper ballots for each precinct and precinct split that is in this Special Election.

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: All right. Then I move the Board adopt the paper ballot allocation formula in Exhibit B compiled by the Board staff for the August 5th, 2014, Special Election.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

(All ayes heard.)

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

The next item on the agenda is we have to

prepare an Election Administration Plan per directive 2014-16. I must add that Dana worked very hard on this. We certainly appreciate all the hard work that Dana did on this on putting this plan forward and it's before you as a big packet of information.

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There were some changes to the plan that we submitted in -- the last plan we submitted was in 2012. So there was some additions as a result of directives and state law.

And, Dana, since you did the yeoman's work on this, I'll let you kind of walk us through this.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Well, thank you for those kind words, Bill. This was an effort by the bipartisan staff here at the Board of Elections.

A number of the items in here were the same from 2012 because we haven't changed procedure on some of them, obviously, but there were, as Bill mentioned, some changes that we had to make.

With the Directive 2014-16, the Secretary of State basically provides us with a template that we have to follow and questions that we have to answer. As we go through those, and with the help of the bipartisan staff here at the Board, we've put

together the 127-page plan that is — that is before you today so that I believe addresses all the questions in there that were asked of us in preparation.

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This is really a good thing for us to do because it has us go through and look at our procedures and how we do plan for the upcoming gubinatorial election, election-wise. And so it's a good thing for us to have to go through and really, you know, take a good, solid look at how we plan and how we prepare for an upcoming major election like we're having this November. So I think we produced a very quality product that will be submitted to the Secretary of State's office per the directive.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thanks, Dana.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move that the Board adopt the Election Administration Plan developed by the Board of Elections staff for the 2014 General Election and that this plan be submitted to the Ohio Secretary of State's office as required by Directive 2014-16.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

(All ayes heard.)

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. I'm passing around, we all have to sign off on this, I'm passing around just the sign-off sheet since everyone already has a copy of that in their possession.

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The next item on the agenda would be we have some precinct boundary changes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we have with us, I believe Matt Rushay is here. There he is. He's behind the podium back there.

The first ones are in — the first one is in the City of Columbus. We had Columbus — well, there's a couple in Columbus, Columbus 46-B, Columbus 46-D, Columbus 82-D, and Columbus 82-E, were all over — through growth, were all over the maximum number of voters permitted in a precinct. So we went through the process of splitting those precincts.

Matt, is there anything you want to add as to -- Matt Rushay is our precinct guy and is the one who took care of this. So, Matt, I don't know if you have anything that you want to add to this, but we split those precincts, didn't create any ward issues or anything like that, there were no ward

boundary changes because those are done by the municipality, but to get us in compliance with the maximum number of voters permitted, which is 1,400, we had to go through the process of splitting these precincts.

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CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Looks good.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move the Board approve the precinct boundary changes in the City of Columbus, recommended by the staff in Exhibit C, and that these new precinct boundaries are to take effect on August 6, 2014.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

(All ayes heard.)

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

The next item on the agenda would be ward and precinct boundary changes in the City of Reynoldsburg.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: These ones are slightly different in that these are ward boundary changes that were adopted and approved by the City of Reynoldsburg. As I said earlier, municipalities set their own wards, we then set the precincts within those wards, and before you is some realignment of

Reynoldsburg City wards.

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They do comply with the law of having to follow census geography which is a requirement for precincts in the state, and, thus, since precincts make up the wards, the wards themselves have to follow precinct boundaries also; these do that.

And so, then, we are asking for approval of the ward -- acceptance of the ward boundary changes and then the subsequent precinct boundary changes within those wards.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Do we know if there was any dissent in Reynoldsburg over any of these changes? Is there anybody here from Reynoldsburg that --

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Matt, do you know of any, if there was any --

MR. RUSHAY: I missed the question.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Was there any dissent that we know of on these new ward boundaries in Reynoldsburg? I'm not familiar with that. I don't know either way.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Okay. The main question I wanted to make sure if there was anybody here from Reynoldsburg that wanted to comment.

14 1 MR. RUSHAY: I'm not aware of any 2. dissent. 3 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Okay. 4 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Dana, these are 5 ward boundary changes? 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That is correct 7 and also subsequent precinct boundary changes that 8 were necessitated by the change in wards. Does that 9 make sense? 10 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Reynoldsburg will 11 stay at four wards. 12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That is correct. BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I 13 14 move the Board approve the ward boundary changes adopted by the City of Reynoldsburg and the 15 16 subsequent precinct boundary changes recommended by 17 the Board of Elections staff in Exhibit D, and that 18 these new ward and precinct boundaries are to take effect on August 6, 2014. 19 2.0 Is there a second? DIRECTOR ANTHONY: 21 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: As a former ward 2.2 boundary chairman in Reynoldsburg, I am proud to second that motion. 2.3 24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

The next item on the agenda is the -- you guys wanted an update on our move to 1700 Morse Road, so we're going to try to give you an update on our move to Morse Road.

And I'm not sure how to start, we have a young lady here by the name of Teresa Bird and she has been our move coordinator. She has taught me a lot about moving. I thought you put stuff in a box and you just kind of move and couldn't find it. But she's been really helpful, she's trained our staff, making sure that Dana and I get our offices cleaned which is probably a big task for her to do.

So I'll let her kind of start it and then we can kind of add some -- well, I do want to say that everything looks to be going pretty smoothly from our end. We do expect to have the move start on our end, and Teresa will go more with discussing more.

But July 11th we're going to close our offices here, send staff home for a much-needed R&R, a few of us still have to work, Dana and me and Suzanne, which I should also mention Suzanne Brown

was our move coordinator, working with Teresa and Pizzuti and PFM, and she did a great job. I cannot express my pleasure for the work that she has done to make this a seamless move, and it's been hard, we are, you know, moving a board this size takes a lot of time. So Suzanne --

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: -- publicly, I would like to thank you for all your hard work.

MS. BROWN: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thank you,

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And with that -- Dana, do you have something you'd like to add?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: No. I just would like to thank Suzanne too. She and I talked about it last night. She's been very helpful throughout this entire process because, as you can imagine, moving an organization like this is not an easy task.

So it is our intentions, Bill mentioned briefly, to move, to begin to move, the move actually will begin Thursday after we close on July 11, but our office will be closed -- I'm sorry, Thursday, June [verbatim] 10th, our office will be closed on

Friday, July 11th, and Monday, July 14th we'll be closed to the public, but the staff will appear that day, will be in the office that day to unpack and make sure computers are working, phones are working, things of that sort, but then we fully expect to be, and we've noticed that to everybody too, that we will be closed those days. So we fully expect to be up and operational on July 15th. And I will turn it over to Teresa.

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MS. BIRD: I'm Teresa Bird from Pizzuti, and pretty much I walked around, a lot of people are packed, during the process of packing if they need more crates they come in here and get them. We have some shelving that has been taken down already.

We will begin moving items over to the new building on Monday the 7th. Also, on Monday the 7th we will start assembling the furniture that has been purchased. Furniture installation will go the 7th, 8th, and 9th. Also, we'll pre-move certain things in order to make it less of a bottleneck when we start officially moving people after hours on the 10th.

We'll be here on -- I'll be here pretty much every day, and I come in, I check on everybody,

if they need anything, we take care of them. Suzanne takes care of them, even if I'm not here she takes care of them.

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So pretty much, as Dana said, we start moving people at 5:00 on Thursday night and then continue Friday, then open up on Monday, troubleshoot, I get a list of issues, I hand them off to whomever I need to hand them off to. IT, phones, myself, whatever needs to be done, we make sure you're happy and --

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You're with -- are you with PFM?

MS. BIRD: No. I'm actually with Pizzuti Solutions.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. You're with Pizzuti. So you've been assigned. When are you with us until? Is this your primary challenge until we're satisfied and we're up and running? How do you determine when we're mutually satisfied?

MS. BIRD: When handover occurs. Pretty much what happens is I will be with you all day on Monday and then I make sure your crates get picked up that Friday. And if you need anything in between then, I'm working off of the sheets, they turn in

these welcome sheets that say I have a problem, I have an electrical outlet in my cube that doesn't work. So I would then target the electricians and/or the furniture people, and I just work to oversee until the punch list is complete and we all agree that, you know, we've done all that we can do.

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I mean if somebody requests a door on their cube, that's obviously something we're going to have to go back to them and say, you know, justify a business need and then we'll talk, but it's kind of one of those things where I would then pass it to Suzanne, Dana, and Bill, but, you know, we come to a mutual agreement that it's time.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: It should -- I do want to note for the members of the Board and the public that our warehouse will not move until after the November election. There still is some work going on in the warehouse area back there, but as we've looked at this from the very beginning and the timelines that were in place, working out of the warehouse through this November made sense to us in the fact that in that way we only have to move all the equipment once, meaning the voting machines, over 4,000 voting machines we'll put out. This way we'll

only have to move them once instead of twice. They will go out from our warehouse on Alum Creek and then be returned to the Morse Road location after the November election.

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BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh, good.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: So there's still a little bit of work going on out there, but that's coming along very well too.

And for the members of the Board and the public, we do have up here both the drawing of the location and the pertinent carpetings and mouldings and wallpaper or whatever all is on there for all of you to take a look at.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This may not be a Pizzuti question, per se, but as it relates to notifying the public effectively that we're no longer here and we're somewhere else when they come by to do whatever many tasks that sometimes they engage in, how — what's our plan there?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have reached out to certainly vendors that we deal with already to alert them for, you know, correspondence that they send to us. It's been up on our website for quite some time. We've had a notice posted at the front

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door for quite some time of our imminent move, and
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      that will remain there for a while after we've moved,
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      also, if anybody does show up here. We've done press
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Who -- who all
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     that to vendors that we deal with, anybody who would
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Well, I got
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                  MS. BROWN: Jeff sent out a notice to
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Oh, okay. We notified -- thank you, Suzanne. We did send out a notice to all affected candidates so they knew where to file campaign finance reports --

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BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Okay.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- and petitions and all that, you know, anything like that.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: It was great. 2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Thank you for 3 bringing that up. 4 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Are we doing anything 5 in terms of signage on Morse Road to make sure that 6 people are aware? 7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. We're still in 8 the process of -- they've given us some designs on 9 some signage that's going up there. Hopefully that will be in place real soon. The big sign in front of 10 the building, that has yet to be determined what that 11 sign will look like, but that will be our main sign, 12 13 that big sign that you can see from Morse Road. 14 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: How long will it 15 be before our current space is reoccupied? 16 MS. BIRD: That is a PFM question and 17 I've asked that and they said they want it as soon as 18 possible. So they're going to have to get, 19 particularly Charlie Hoddle in there, to tear down the cubes and then they'll work on design. I don't 20 21 know exactly what date that's going to be. 2.2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: But I believe, in 2.3 answer to your question, Mr. Sinnott, would be that 24 about 13 minutes after we're out of here, work will

begin on moving the next occupant into this. That's what's been professed to us by PFM. I think that's fair to say.

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BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Are you able to use all the old, like, voter registration cards or you have to get rid of them and search them down and dump them?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We've certainly tried, as we have been preparing for this move, that anything that has an address on it, to certainly use as much stock as we possible could. And if we had to order any other materials in the interim, we only ordered, you know, very small amounts to get us through the end. So we've tried to deplete our stock, so to speak, as much as we possibly could, in moving up to the date of our moving.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And we also will have the August Special at the 1700 Morse Road address. So we have secured a place for that Special to be conducted at Morse Road.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I think signage that allows people to recognize that the Board is there,

and even some kind of temporary signage, early vote, about the election taking place there. So that we -- more and more people are accustomed to that being -- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There will also,

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I'm sorry, Greg. There also is — there's also going to be lettering put on the side of the building that will — in front of the building that will identify it in addition to however they end up doing the large high sign out there also. We can certainly speak with PFM. We talked to them about the possibility of even some temporary signage up there that best identifies the location until everything officially gets worked out.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Great.

MS. BROWN: He did tell us the lettering on the building itself will be in place by the 18th, he did tell us that at our move meeting last week.

Is that still on target? Do you know?

MS. BIRD: I think it is. I'm not 100 percent.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This may also be not a Pizzuti question, but have we learned some lessons, when we used the site as an early voting center, as related to ingress and egress and parking and all

those challenges, what's our, and I don't want to delay this discussion much more on these issues, but do we have a plan, have we discussed the plan for the parking out front and on the side?

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We -- we're still, you know, the whole parking lot will be paved and so we'll still have -- yes, we're going to address that.

As you know, the warehouse -- early voting is not going to be quite like -- well, let me back up.

Since moving the warehouse up, they'll have a place for the cars to drive in and drive out on election eve, on election evening. So we are looking at how we're going to use that parking lot a lot better than we did during the early vote.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And part of our challenge, too, was people exercising their rights to campaign up there, but it became kind of an issue. So we might as well try to get in front of that. Probably going to be less of a challenge in a gubernatorial election than presidential, but, nonetheless, there will be some lessons to learn this November.

of 2012, the presidential election, we sort of had a debriefing meeting after that to discuss some of those issues, with representatives of PFM and of the county sheriff's office, et cetera, and we did talk through a few scenarios of that when we face it again in the future.

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But with regard to other years when we're fully in there and the warehouse is there, for example as Bill talked about, of how we drop off -- pick up and drop off supplies a couple of days before election or on election night, we've already had some initial conversations, for example, with the county sheriff, to help us work through how we best have traffic flow through that area.

We don't have a plan yet, but we have had -- because we won't have to deal with it until 2015 because that won't take place up there in the gubernatorial election, that will all take place out at the warehouse this year, but for -- we already have had some initial conversation with getting some assistance from those who know how to move traffic on this. So there --

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There was some real safety issues and, you know, some tense moments

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      it will be well served to think through what we can.
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                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And we will -- we
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      are -- we are doing that, yes.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You all, if you want
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      to go up and look at the site, we could arrange a
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I do, and I wonder,
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- constituencies,
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                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We have discussed
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      up there and kind of get in and get some stuff --
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Right. Right.
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                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- put away
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      that and inviting the public to come in and see our
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      opening, the whole Northland community. So we plan
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Good.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So whenever you guys
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      we'll get you up there before the 11th, before you
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      can come up on the -- it will be kind of hectic on
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'm not sure.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, thank you.
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      there's no other questions from Board members --
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      Teresa, right?
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                  MS. BIRD: Right.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you, Teresa.
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                  MS. BIRD: You'll see me for the
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Wonderful. Okay.
                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thanks.
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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Thank you, 2. Teresa. 3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the 4 agenda, Board Member Haas had asked me to put 5 together some information regarding the appointment 6 of observers during the 2012 election. And so, I put 7 together a packet for you guys for informational 8 purposes to take a look at it, based on Board Member Haas' concerns about this issue. So what's before 9 10 you is just a communication between the Board and an 11 interested party as in connection with the whole 12 observer issue back in 2012. 13 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: This is take-home 14 reading for us, Bill? 15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, it is. 16 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay. 17 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Well, you know, I 18 guess I want to understand what the next steps are on this. I mean from my, you know, my question has 19 20 always been, has been for well before I got here that 21 there were a number of signatures on these forms that 2.2 apparently are not signatures but copies of 2.3 signatures that were attached to the forms. 24 You know, I want to -- I want to know

what the next steps for -- first of all, my very first board meeting, which seems like five years ago but was actually just four months ago, this question was raised by a person in the audience and, you know, I recall how swiftly things moved after the 2000 election -- 2008 election with voters, you know, I guess I want to understand why, you know, we're still at a point where we've got people who didn't want their names attached to something, attached to it, and . . .

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, part of what happened is that we assured all the Board and it never went anywhere because we pretty much wasn't directed to take it anywhere. So that's why I'm sharing it back with you again. And if you would like for us to pursue whatever you would like for us to pursue in regards to this, then you can direct the Board. But I thought I'd let you at least get all the information so you can digest it and then come back before us or, you know, do what you guys direct us to do.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Okay. Well, I'm -- I appreciate the information and I'm going to read through it, but I am going to want to hear from the

Prosecutor's office about -- in some form --

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MR. ANDERSON: There's nothing in front of the Prosecutor's office at this point. The Board needs to undertake, if it wishes to do that, an investigation, which it has not yet done. There is a process that's in place for investigation and referral which has been used on a number of occasions, but the Prosecutor's office can't do anything without the initial investigation.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: So if I -- if I -- if a person signs other people's names, copies of names, applies them to a public document, the Prosecutor's office can't do anything?

MR. ANDERSON: The Prosecutor's office is not an investigative body; it's a prosecutor. We undertake a prosecutorial function. The investigation is carried out by an appropriate agency, whether that be CPD, the sheriff or, in this instance, the Board of Elections, which has investigative authority under Title 35.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Okay. I'm sorry. I guess it was my mistake. I thought in 2008 that the Prosecutor's office did quite a bit of investigating of the voters.

MR. ANDERSON: Actually, the Board of Elections staff did that.

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BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Oh, okay. Well, we can definitely digest that.

Are there any questions?

MS. SHAFFER: Yeah. My name is Paddy
Shaffer and I'm with the Ohio Election Justice
Campaign. And I was here at the Board meeting in
2012 with -- when that whole situation came together
and my understanding is that from that day, True the
Vote was blocked from having election observers. It
was as a result of the signatures being used over and
over on the election observer forms.

And I ran a five candidate election observer across the state two times, so I'm aware how that goes. I'm aware that the forms read that if you're caught -- I don't have the exact wording, but basically if you're filling them out knowingly in error, it's a felony, and I took that very seriously when I ran my own election observer project.

And so, the idea that those were used that way is atrocious and that we waited from 2012 for an investigation. And so, I just, if I heard it correctly, I was just told that the Board of

Elections, it was referred to them not to investigate 1 or not to look into it. Is that what you said, Bill? 3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, that's not what I 4 We were not directed to conduct an investigation. What we did in 2012 was we did not 5 6 accept their observers for any site and so we 7 instructed all of our poll workers and folks at the 8 polling locations that if there was someone there 9 from this organization, they would not be allowed to be an observer. That's the action we took at the 10 11 Board meeting in 2012. 12 MS. SHAFFER: So you're saying that you 13 were advised to not investigate, but then I was --DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, I didn't say that, 14 15 Paddy. 16 MS. SHAFFER: Okay. 17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I said we were not 18 instructed to conduct an investigation. We were

instructed to conduct an investigation. We were instructed to stop those observers from being observers and that's the only thing we did. We stopped them from becoming observers and we did not go any further at that point.

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MS. SHAFFER: But if it was, let's say an elderly person who is confused that voted twice, they

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would definitely be investigated, but someone that has forms that on them say that it's a felony to use them wrongly, can do that over and over even when they were asked to --
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5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm going to, you 6 know --

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by some candidates.

MS. SHAFFER: -- candidate to -
CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- Paddy, I'm -
Greg's brought this up a couple times, I'm glad he

did, but as this sits before me, I can't reconstruct

in my head what you have clearly, that you believe in

yours as it relates to the history here. As I recall, and I think as, Bill, you just suggested, these observers never were placed or permitted to be placed because there were some rescissions at least

I don't want to cut you off here because I don't want to hear more about it, but I'm just not sure this is the most effective forum -- format or forum to do that because I think there needs to be a lot of back and forth which is going to be better handled if that's all right.

I think this is your principle concern, Greg, if we're going to get to what your questions

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are, which I think go back to how did this come together and who was involved and what should have been done or might still should be done, what transpired.
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BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We get involved into the nitty-gritty on this basis --

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Right.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- I don't think we're going to make progress.

MS. SHAFFER: It's just that it's very serious there was -- we had that one which I certainly would be happy --

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I -- I understand the serious -- I'm trying to help all of us understand that if this isn't helping me, and I suspect it's not going to help -- this dialogue probably isn't going to help us get to the heart of it. At a subsequent board meeting, if there's things to discuss, then, by all means, you're always welcome to come back and address those in that -- in that organized fashion.

MS. SHAFFER: I would. And I'd love to have a copy of what your update papers are today, so --

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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I suspect it's a
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      public document.
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                  MS. SHAFFER: I'll write a records
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      request while I'm here and see if I can get copies.
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                  There was another situation in 2012 that
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      came up regarding election observers and True the
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      Vote, and I don't know what you're aware of, but
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      here's the stories I was told.
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      sorry, I'd love to hear the story, but I think you
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      need to -- I think you want to get together with
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                  MS. SHAFFER: This is real, real
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      important and it involves the Board of Elections.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.
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                  MS. SHAFFER: So the thing that everyone
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      hears it, wants at the same time, and as you're going
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     to start looking at it, is there an investigation, is
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Paddy, thank
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                  MS. SHAFFER: The point is, okay, I got
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     the story secondhand. So if you want to go further
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that told the story, but here it is as I understand it.

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Someone that was a poll worker for the General Election in 2012 got a notice that came via e-mail and so it showed up as a Board of Elections typed notice that there was yet another poll worker training meeting. This person went to the training meeting and what it was was True the Vote there. It wasn't a Board of Elections meeting version; it was True the Vote training poll workers on what they wanted them to do at the polls.

So if you'd like to know more about that,

I'd be happy to connect you with the person that the

story came from. And it concerned me because I

didn't know that outside groups could rally the poll

workers and have private meetings with them.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I would like to ask the staff to conduct an investigation, if that's acceptable, I'd like to ask the Board to ask the staff to conduct -- to hear what people have to say on all sides of this.

But the point is an excellent point, if the Board is being used in some form or was used in some form in 2012, under the auspice, under the false

impression that we're doing something when some political group is doing something, we need to take that obviously, and I know everybody here does, very seriously.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

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BOARD MEMBER HAAS: And so, we need to look into that.

The second thing, which is important and I just, you know, I think we've got -- we need to look carefully, we've got documents where citizens and elected officials' signatures appear very clearly to have been abused and, you know, I understand the Prosecutor is not an investigator, but I'd like us, then, to do whatever we're going to do and turn it over to the Prosecutor, but, you know, we all, I know every time this has come up, we're all -- we all share the concern that --

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But I don't think we're making progress. Forgive me for saying that. I think this is progress.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I agree.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: But there needs to be a synthesis and sort of a thesis statement, what are we looking at, what did someone allegedly or someones

allegedly do. 1 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Right. 3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And --4 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: And then we can --5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- if there's further 6 action the Board should take --7 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Right. 8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- how do we pursue 9 I'll ask Dana and Bill to get back to us. I don't think we need to vote on an investigation, per 10 11 see, and say guys, Greq's been talking about this for 12 some time, let's help him and all of us and try to 13 focus in on what some of these unresolved questions 14 are. 15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: It's plainly the 16 case that if a member of the public has information 17 or an allegation that it issues that the Board staff 18 investigate, then they will need to provide specific information and specific allegations so there could 19 be focused inquiry --20 21 Right. BOARD MEMBER HAAS: 2.2 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: And the Board is

always open to its staff's receipt of such

information and allegations.

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                  MS. SHAFFER: I think the perfect format
      would be if Greg's requesting an investigation, that
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      we toss that into the mix. What happened in 2012 --
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Paddy, if you're
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      talking to someone who has a recollection or
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      evidence --
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yeah.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- invitation --
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yeah.
                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- you're telling us
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      about it here is helpful to open the issue, but it
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      doesn't progress any --
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Right.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- farther than that
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      because it's just secondhand.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: It will have to be
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      firsthand. It will have to be firsthand, but I think
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      we --
                  MS. SHAFFER: That's how I understand.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: -- all agree that the
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      Director and Deputy Director need to have some
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      discussions with all concerned.
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                  MS. SHAFFER: All right. Well, I
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      appreciate that this issue is even being discussed
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again, I do take it seriously, and I thank you for
your time today.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Paddy, thank you very
much.
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5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thank you,

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8 MS. SHAFFER: You probably all know how to find me so call me if you need to.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: All right. Thank

11 you.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Paddy, what is your

phone number?

MS. SHAFFER: (614)266-5283. And the

spelling of my is P-a-d-d-y, and Shaffer is

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BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Thank you very much.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you, Paddy.

BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I don't know if many

20 people are daring enough to put their phone number in

21 the public record.

22 (Laughter.)

MS. SHAFFER: You can put it on. I don't

24 care.

42 1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Probably should have 2. asked her that. 3 (Laughter.) 4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the agenda is to move into Executive Session to discuss 5 6 an investigation of charges and complaints against a 7 public employee. We need a motion if you guys still 8 want to go into Executive Session. CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is there a motion? 9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I 10 11 move to move into Executive Session where no official 12 actions will be taken. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 13 121.22(G)(1), move into Executive Session to discuss 14 the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. As I said, no official actions will 15 16 be taken during the Executive Session. 17 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I'll second that. DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll do a roll call. 18 19 Kimberly Marinello. 2.0 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes. 21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas. 2.2 BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yes. 2.3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse. 24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.
                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now in
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     Executive Session.
                  (Executive session.)
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the
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     Franklin County Board of Elections adjourn from
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     Executive Session and note that no votes or official
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      actions were taken during the Executive Session.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.
                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll do a roll call.
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                  Kimberly Marinello.
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yup.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now out of
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the
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     Board of Elections go into recess for a 30-minute
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      period.
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?
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                  (All ayes heard.)
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
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                  We stand in recess for 30 minutes.
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                  (Recess taken.)
                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: I move that we come
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      out of recess.
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?
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                  (All ayes heard.)
                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now out of
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      recess. Do we want to do an update on procedures?
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Pursuant to
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      Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), I move that the
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      Franklin County Board of Elections go into Executive
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      Session to investigate charges or complaints against
      a public employee. No official actions will be taken
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: A point of order or
      clarification. Should we -- how long do you think
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I am going to
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      depart about 2:10 or so. We don't have much time.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.
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                  BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: But we do have
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      a -- we do have a regularly-scheduled board meeting
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      at 3:00 on Monday which has not been canceled.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Good.
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                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We originally
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      were going to cancel it. I loaded today up in hope
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      there we're not, we still have that meeting and we --
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Still works for
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      everybody.
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                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: -- we have not
      canceled it. I had Suzanne have it ready to go.
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                  CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We keep it on the
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      books and we're not rushed to get to any conclusions
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     today.
                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. So there's
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      a motion on the floor to go into Executive Session.
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                  BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Second.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim Marinello.
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                  BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.
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                  DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.
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1	BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yes.
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3	BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Sinnott.
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5	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.
6	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
7	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.
8	BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
9	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now in
10	Executive Session.
11	(Executive Session.)
12	BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Mr. Chair, I move we
13	come out of Executive Session.
14	BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.
15	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'm going to do the
16	roll call.
17	Douglas Preisse.
18	CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
19	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Greg Haas.
20	BOARD MEMBER HAAS: Yes.
21	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.
22	BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.
23	DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kimberly Marinello.
24	BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Thursday, July 3, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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Exhibit A

Machine Allocation

Special Election

August 5, 2014

LID	POLL LOCATION	REGISERED ACTIVE VOTERS	ABSENTEE REQUESTS	VOTING	ALLOCATION
LID# 1108	WAGGONER ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL	1,371		1,371	8
LID# 2015	WAGGONER ROAD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1,260		1,260	8
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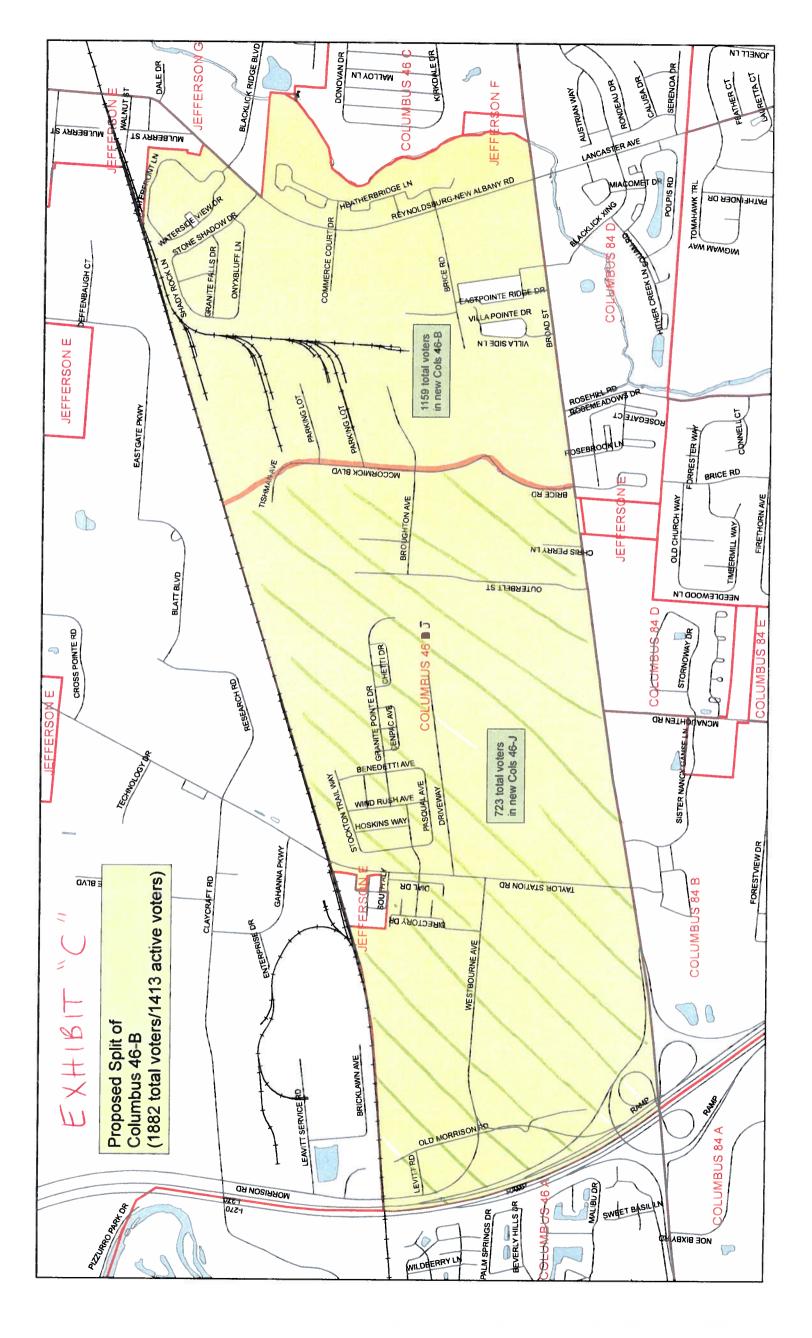
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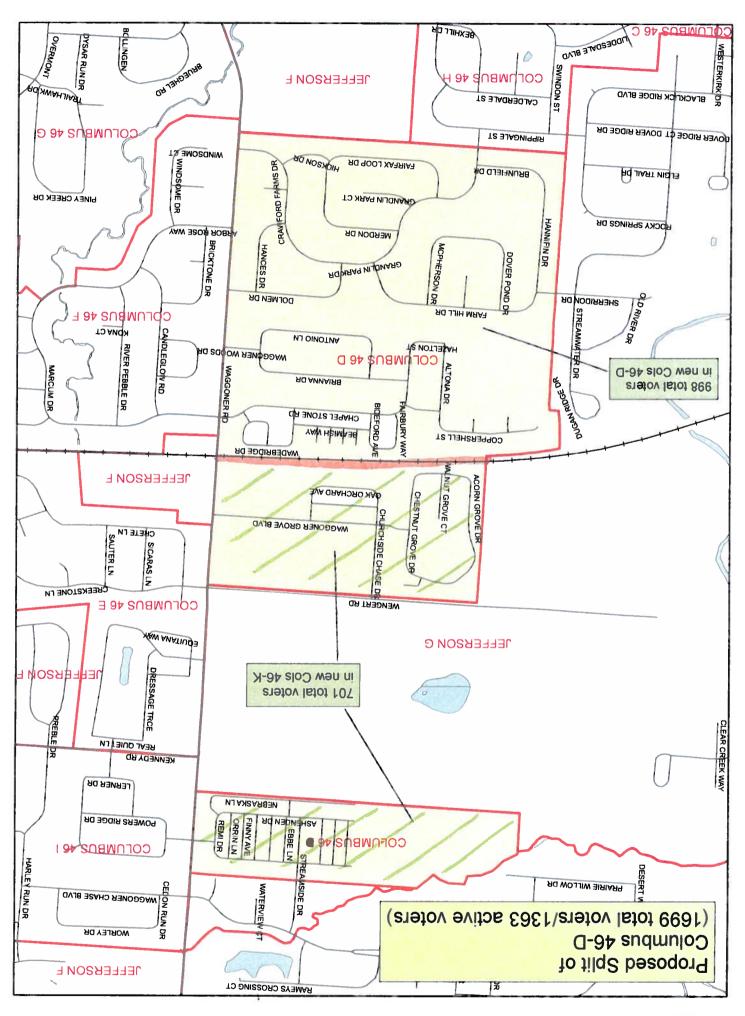
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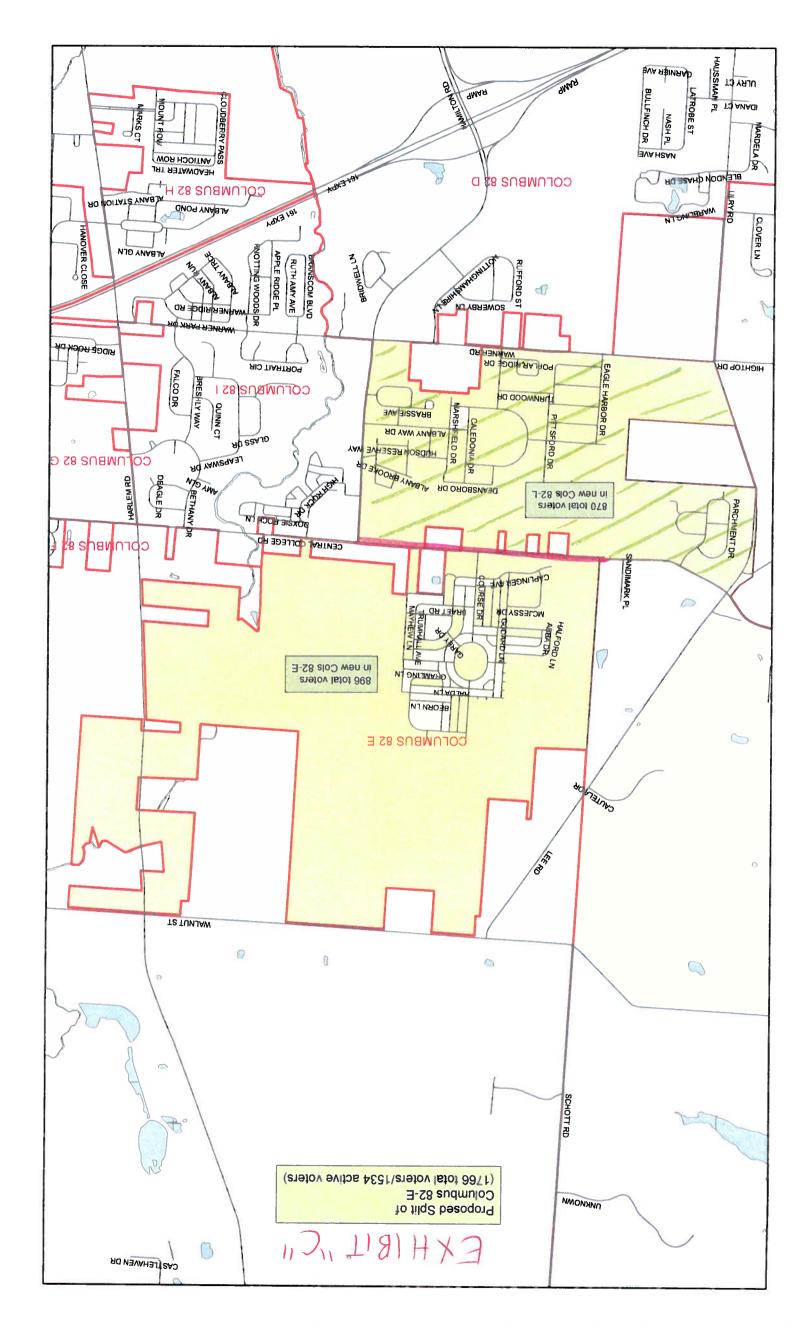
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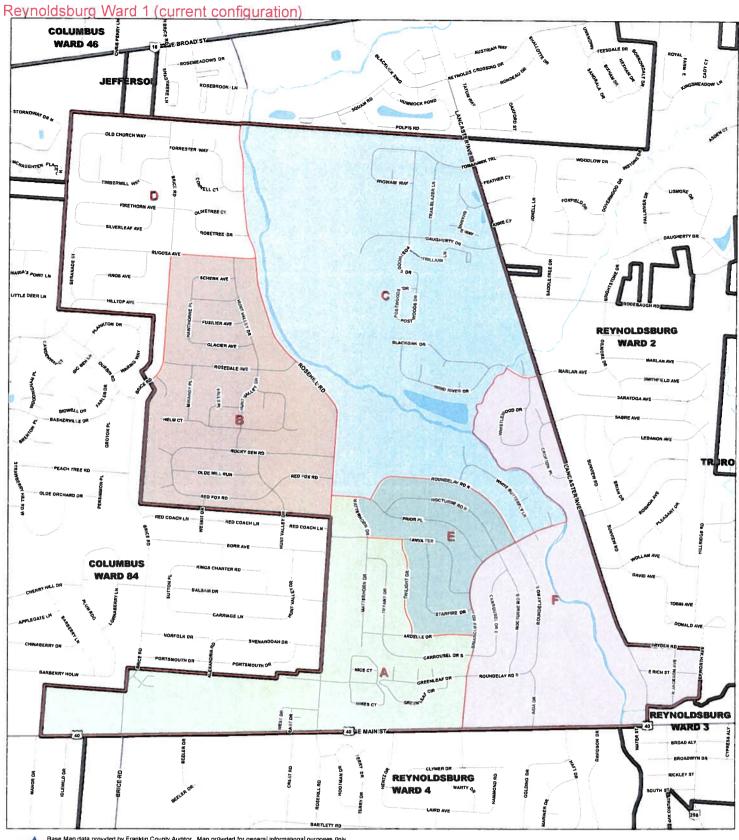
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LID# 2015	01046G	01046G-1	COLUMBUS 46-G 1	4	1,063	25
LID# 2015	01046H	01046H-2	COLUMBUS 46-H 2	5	0	25
LID# 2015	19102A	19102A-1	REYNOLDSBURG 02-A 1	10	98	25
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LID# 6003	01046E	01046E-1	COLUMBUS 46-E 1	2	1,121	25
LID# 6003	01046F	01046F-1	COLUMBUS 46-F 1	3	1,022	25
LID# 6003	010461	010461-1	COLUMBUS 46-I 1	6	561	25
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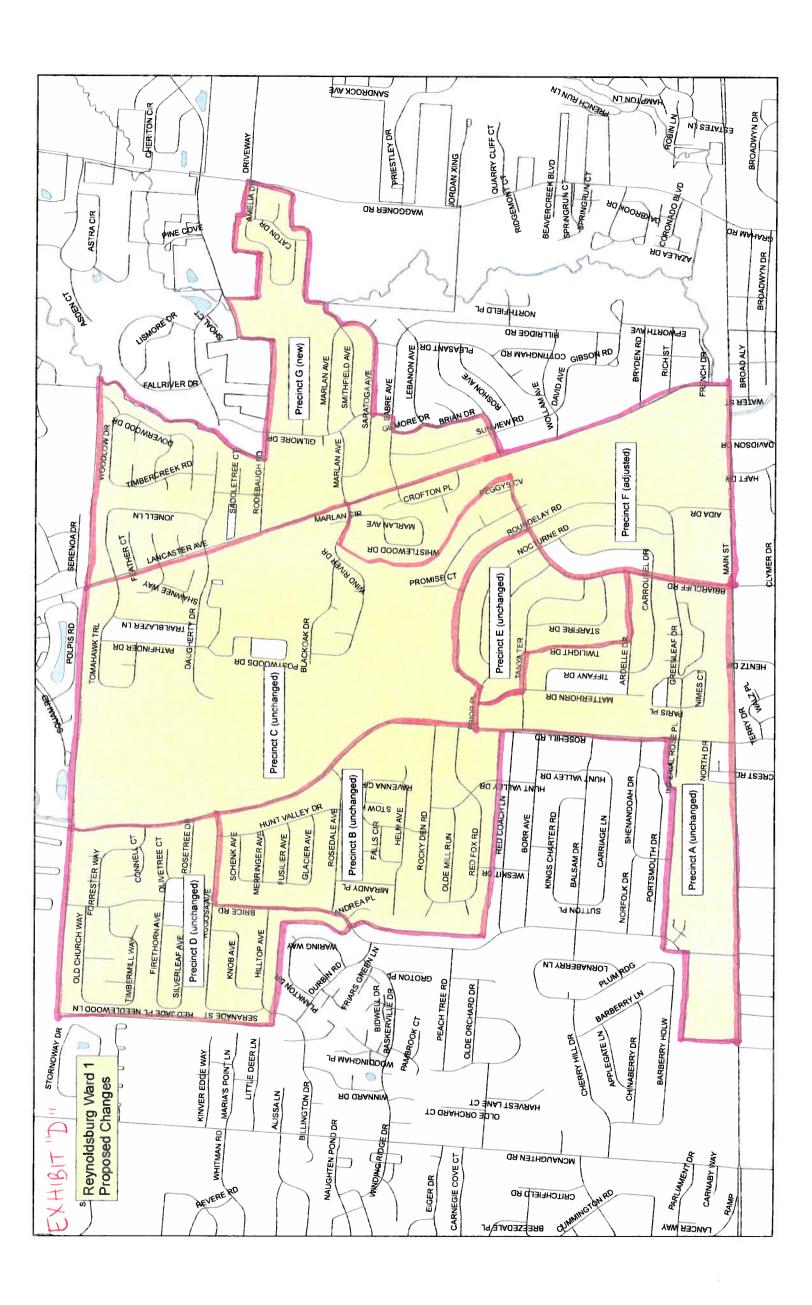




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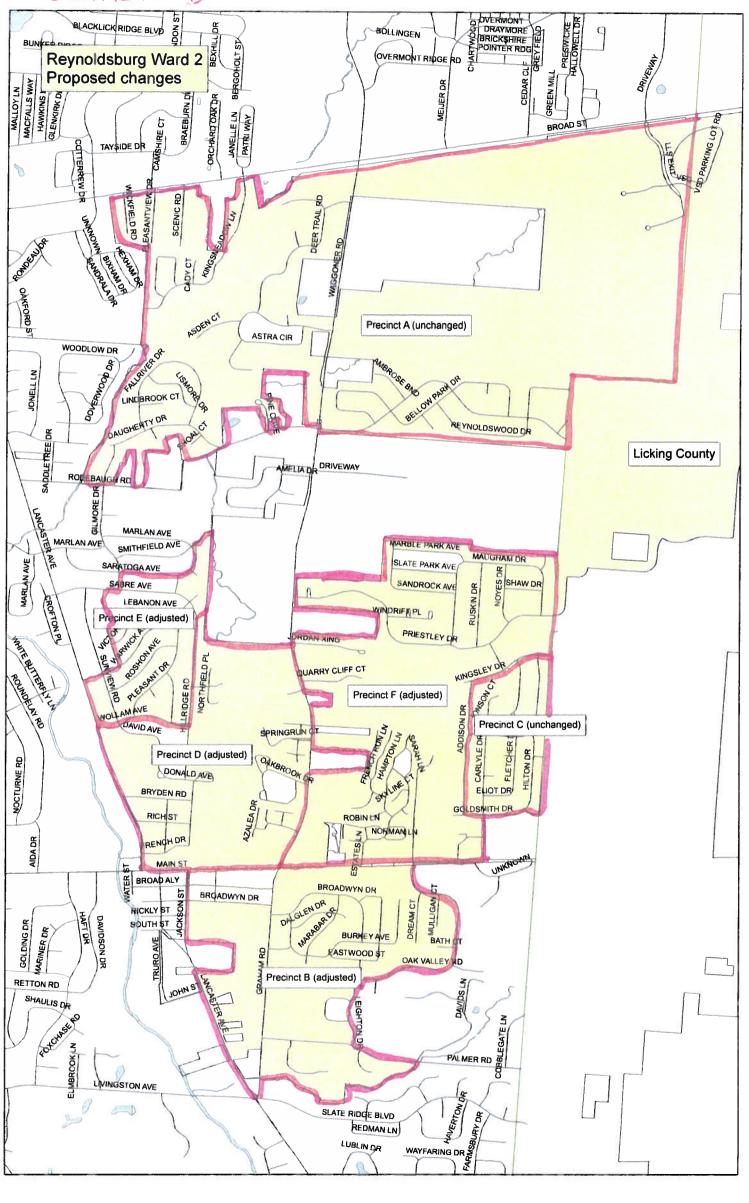
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Reynoldsburg Ward 3 (current configuration) REYNOLDSBURG REYNOLDSBURG WARD 2 WARD 1 TRURO REYNOLDSBURG WARD 4

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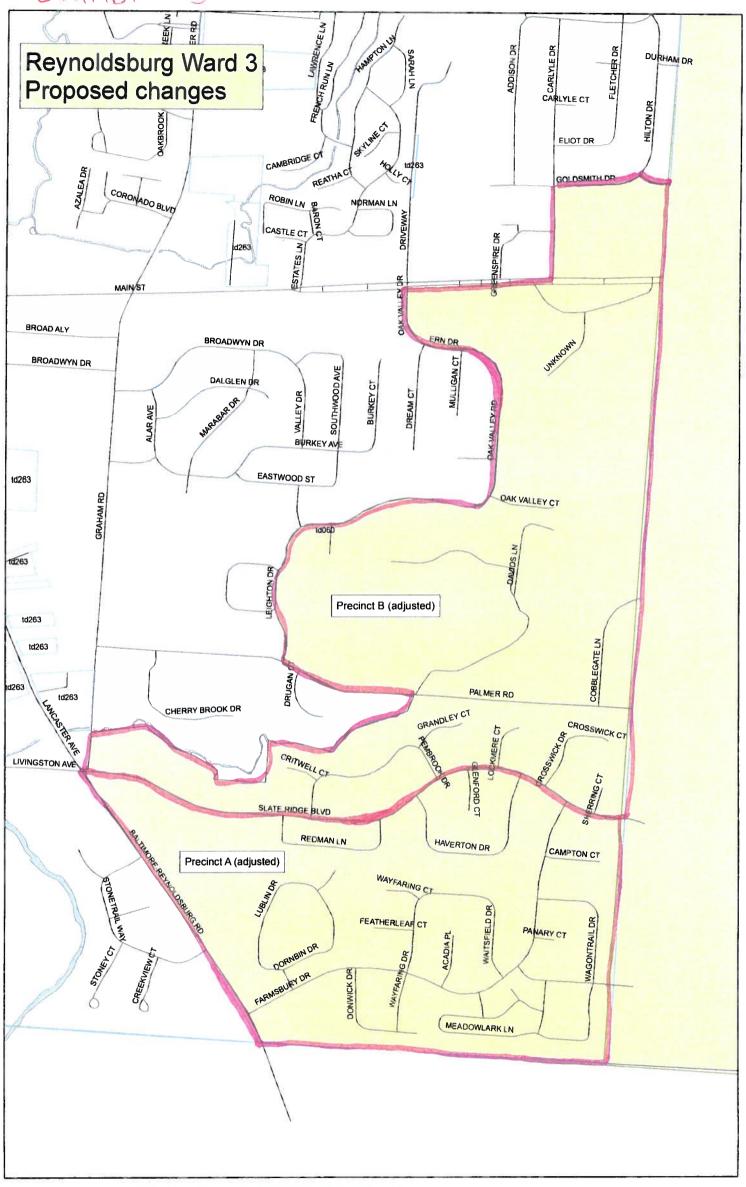
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