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Subject: Additional Information on how we create precinct lines

Hi Rhonda,

Here is some additional information you can share with the consultant.

We do understand that the needs of the City and the community are the priority when considering the boundary lines for the districts, but if possible, the alignment of the council district lines to some of the existing district boundaries or our existing precinct boundaries would help us minimize the impact on voters.

- To create our precincts, we create the boundaries around areas that have districts in common.
 - Examples of districts include: State Assembly, State Senate, County Supervisorial, County Board of Education down to the local districts including school districts and special districts.
 - Best case scenario would be a precinct where all voters living within the boundary or area all live in the same districts.
 - All of the voters would get the same ballot.
- We do have instances where a district boundary runs through a precinct, creating two separate portions, one portion within the district and one portion that is not within the district.
 - This is typically for our school districts and special districts. We do not allow any of the major districts to cross our precinct boundary lines.
 - If we do have portions within the precinct because of a school or special districts and there is a contest on the ballot for the district, that precinct will have two different ballots, one with the contest for that district that will be issued to all voters living within the district.
 - The other ballot will not have the contest and is for voters in the other portion who do not live within the district.
- If we had a precinct with many different district boundary lines running through it, it would create different ballots for each of those portions.
- Our policy when we are drawing our precinct boundary lines is to have a maximum of three ballot types within a precinct and we typically don't have more than two.
 - We want to make sure the process is streamlined for our community members who are working as pollworkers at our polling places on Election Day.
 - We want to ensure every voter is issued the correct ballot with all of the contests for the districts in which they reside.

Thank you!

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