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The Electoral board has reviewed the plans for redistricting and has a responsibility to recommend to the Council when a new polling location should be created either by code or necessity. Based on the growth of Fredericksburg and future planned growth we would like to make the following 2 recommendation:

1. Establish Ward 3 Precinct 302 in the College Heights Neighborhood to be located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 825 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. We define the following areas as bounded to the East by Lafayette Blvd to the South by Blue and Grey Parkway, Route 1 to the west and College Avenue to the North. This would have approximately 995 residents from the 2020 census and currently 796 registered Voters.
 - a. The Code of Virginia only requires that a polling location have 500 registered Voters to have a polling location established. We have met this burden.
 - b. Equipment needs: 1 DS200 Voting Machine, 3 Poll Pads and 1 Express Vote. We have all this equipment currently but have budgeted in FY22 for an additional Express Vote for safety stock.
 - c. Officers of Election to maintain this polling location would be 6 individuals which is in our budget, as we would align officers that are currently assigned to Precinct 301. We have enough staff to conduct the June Primary
 - d. Confusion to Voters: Due to redistricting the voters will be sent a notice of their changes. If the city delays in creating this precinct it will only confuse voters, because they would receive 2 notices, the initial change in precinct, and the new change to establish 302 if we wait. Additional printing costs for notifications would be added if we wait.
 - e. Community Support: We believe that the College Heights Civic Association would support this recommendation based on previous comments made to Council.

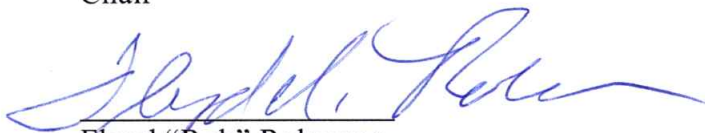
2. Establish Ward 2 Precinct 202 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 825 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. We define the area as University Property that is on College Avenue, Eagle Landing and the UMW Apartments on William Street and residents of the odd side of 800 block College Avenue and the even side of the 800 block of Sunken Road. This would have approximately 1,725 residents from the 2020 census and currently 537 registered voters.
 - a. This would allow all the University Students to vote at one location.
 - b. Staffing would be shared with the Split Precinct, so no additional labor required.
 - c. No additional equipment would be needed as we would be sharing supplies with Ward 302 precinct.
 - d. The Voters would have access to separate DS200 machines and ballot styles so no mixing of ballots could occur. The machines would be programmed to reject the other ballot style.

The Electoral Board is ready to present and discuss any part of this with Council at your upcoming meeting and hope that you will consider our request. We believe it is in the best interest of the community and will provide the best voting experience for the residents of Fredericksburg.

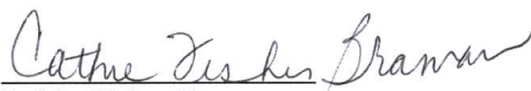
Respectfully,



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