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DeKalb Voter Registration & Elections Announces Refined Precinct and Polling Place Changes to Enhance Voter Experience

[DECATUR, GA] – Following a series of public engagement activities and input from the DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections (DeKalb BRE), DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections (DeKalb VRE) is announcing a refined series of proposed changes aimed at improving the voter experience and enhancing operational efficiencies. While the precinct changes have been approved by the DeKalb BRE, the precinct boundary changes will be presented to the DeKalb Board of Commissioners and publicly noticed as part of the official process.

"I am grateful for the invaluable insights provided by our stakeholders and voters, which have been instrumental in shaping these refined recommendations," said DeKalb VRE Executive Director Keisha Smith. "The feedback received has enabled us to streamline our proposed modifications and advance a plan that meets the evolving needs of our community. We remain dedicated to consistently reevaluating our precinct boundaries and polling locations to ensure every voting experience is both positive and accessible."

The following outlines the proposed precinct boundary and approved polling location changes:

Precinct Boundary Adjustments

To align with municipal annexations and enhance logistics and operational efficiency to better accommodate voters, DeKalb VRE proposes the following boundary changes:

- Redraw the boundary of the Wynbrooke Elem (WN) precinct to include the former east half of the Stone Mountain Elem (SD) precinct.
- Redraw the boundary of the Valley Brook (VB) precinct to include the former south half of the Rehoboth (RD) precinct.
- Redraw the boundary of the Austin Drive (AF) precinct to include the former west half of the Rowland Elem (RG) precinct.

- Redraw the boundary of the Avondale (AE) precinct to incorporate two newly annexed properties formerly in the Avondale High (AI) precinct.
- Redraw the boundary of the Woodward (WJ) precinct to incorporate two newly annexed properties formerly in the Briarcliff (BG) precinct.
- Redraw the boundary of the Burgess Elem (BR) precinct to include a newly annexed area formerly in the Piney Grove (PN) and Terry Mill (TA) precincts; adjust the Terry Mill (TA) precinct boundary to include the area of the Piney Grove (PN) precinct south of Flat Shoals Rd.

Polling Place Relocations

To improve accessibility and efficiency, DeKalb VRE is proposing the following polling place changes:

- Briarlake Elem (BD) from Briarlake Elementary School to Briarlake Church, 3715 LaVista Road.
- Rehoboth (RD) from Lawrenceville Road United Methodist Church to Briarlake Church, 3715 LaVista Road.
- Glenhaven (GB) from Straight Life Church of God to Rowland Elementary School, 1317 S Indian Creek Drive.
- Silver Lake (SE) from Ashford Park Elementary School to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church, 3110 Ashford Dunwoody Road.
- Indian Creek (IB) from Indian Creek Elementary School to Clarkston Library, 951 N Indian Creek Drive.
- Clarkston Community Center (CY) to Clarkston Library, 951 N Indian Creek Drive.
- Columbia Middle (CM) from Columbia Middle School to New Life Community Center, 3592 Flat Shoals Road.
- Winters Chapel (WL) from Congregation Beth Shalom to Crossroads Church of Dunwoody, 4805 Tilly Mill Road.
- Columbia Elem (CC) from Columbia Elementary School to Columbia Drive United Methodist Church, 2067 Columbia Drive.
- Panola Way Elem (PI) from Panola Way Elementary School to Berean Christian Church, 2201 Young Road.
- Coralwood (CJ) from Briarlake Elementary School to Bridgepoint Church At Toco Hills, 1995 Clairmont Road.
- Bouldercrest Road (BL) from Barack Obama Elementary School to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, 3430 Bouldercrest Road.
- Medlock (MG) from International Community School to North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 611 Medlock Road.
- North Decatur (NB) from North Decatur Presbyterian Church to Holiday Regency House, 341 Winn Way.
- Doraville North (DA) and Doraville South (DB) from Doraville Civic Center to Forest Fleming Arena, 3037 Pleasant Valley Drive.

Additionally, the DeKalb BRE has authorized DeKalb VRE to identify a new location for the Stone Mountain Elem (SD) precinct, currently located at Stone Mountain Elementary School. DeKalb VRE will present the proposed boundary changes to the DeKalb Board of Commissioners for review and final approval. Public notices will be issued to ensure community awareness and input opportunities.

The department plans on implementing these changes ahead of the planned municipal elections in 2025.

For more information on the proposed changes or to provide feedback, please visit <u>www.DeKalbVotes.com</u> or contact DeKalb VRE (404) 298-4020.

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