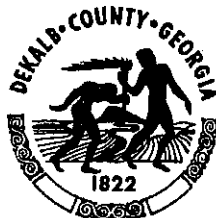


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November 7, 2013

Ms. Janet Kindelberger, City Clerk  
City of Decatur  
P.O. Box 220  
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Dear Janet:

On Election Day, November 5, 2013, as the result of a concern expressed by a Decatur voter, we became aware of the fact that we had failed to make boundary changes resulting from redistricting done by the City of Decatur in August of this year. It was determined that you had emailed a revised map to us on August 10. Since your email stated that it was an updated map but did not specifically address district boundary changes, we assumed that the map reflected the changes that had occurred due to several recent annexations to the city. As a result, the boundary between your Districts 1 and 2 for this election was not correct.

After careful analysis, we determined that the boundary change affected a small portion of district combo 687 of the Ponce de Leon precinct. We immediately notified the poll officials to provide provisional ballots for any subsequent voters who were in district combo 687 so that they would have a chance to vote on the District 1 contested race.

Immediately after the election, we examined records of the voters in district combo 687 who participated in the election. The steps we took were:

1. We reviewed all of the voter certificates and absentee applications for the Ponce precinct to determine the assigned district combo.
2. We analyzed the address of each of the 20 voters who were assigned to district combo 687 to see if they had been placed in the correct municipal district. The summary of our findings are as follows:

<u>Number of Voters</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
10	Incorrectly placed in District 2
10	Correctly voted in District 2

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Based on this analysis, the results could have been altered by 10 votes, at most, assuming that all of the incorrectly districted voters would have cast their ballots for the losing candidate. Since the winning margin is 75 votes, the redistricting error would not change the outcome of this election. The staff is recommending to the Board of Registration & Elections to certify the election as is. The certification will be done during the Board meeting that will be held here at our office at 4:30 on Friday, November 8.

In order to minimize the chance that such an incident occurs again, we are requesting that future notifications of district changes be made on a more formal basis, including a full-size map in addition to any PDF version and a cover letter summarizing the changes being conveyed by the revised map. Secondly, upon completion of our changes, we will deliver to you a revised street file for your documentation and review for accuracy prior to any subsequent elections.

I sincerely apologize for this oversight on our part and the distress it caused you and your citizens. As always, it is a pleasure working together as a team with you and the City of Decatur as we conduct your municipal elections.

Sincerely,



H. Maxine Daniels  
Director

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