

County Board Special Meeting

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XIII. New Business

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- County Clerk Memo dated January 12, 2017 – included in County Board Packet of January 19, 2017
- Resolution No. 9851 – Approved January 19, 2017
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Champaign County Board
 Champaign County Administrator Rick Snider

FROM: Champaign County Clerk Gordy Hulten

DATE: January 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Plan for Polling Places for 2017

This memo accompanies Resolutions with proposed changes to Champaign County's Places of Election beginning with the 2017 elections. In 2017, we intend to use polling places identical to those used for the 2016 elections if possible, but are asking for a temporary change to our campus-area precincts (City of Champaign #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 and #8, and Cunningham #3, #4 and #5) and a permanent change to Cunningham #18 and #19.

There are two elections currently scheduled for 2017: the Consolidated Primary Election on February 28, 2017 for the City of Urbana only and the Consolidated General Election on April 4, 2017 for all County precincts and voters.

City of Champaign #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 and #8, and Cunningham #3, #4 and #5

Traditionally, the Consolidated Primary and General Elections feature very low turnout in the ten precincts in closest proximity to the University of Illinois Campus:

Total Ballots Cast by Precinct	2015 CG	2015 CP	2013 CG	2013 CP	2011 CG	2011 CP	2009 CG	2009 CP	2007 CG	2007 CP
City of Champaign 2	11	n/a	5	n/a	17	n/a	13	2	21	7
City of Champaign 3	21	n/a	3	n/a	15	n/a	6	2	14	14
City of Champaign 4	12	n/a	3	n/a	9	n/a	11	n/a	16	11
City of Champaign 5	5	n/a	1	n/a	6	n/a	5	n/a	10	5
City of Champaign 7	26	n/a	15	n/a	44	n/a	25	6	18	9
City of Champaign 8	13	n/a	5	n/a	12	n/a	5	n/a	16	8
Cunningham 2	5	n/a	5	2	10	0	26	n/a	5	n/a
Cunningham 3	7	n/a	2	2	4	6	14	n/a	1	n/a
Cunningham 4	3	n/a	2	0	2	n/a	14	n/a	2	n/a
Cunningham 5	2	n/a	0	0	6	n/a	11	n/a	0	n/a
TOTAL	105	n/a	41	4	125	6	130	10	103	54

In 2016, we operated nine polling places for these ten precincts. For the 2017 elections, we would like to consolidate these precincts into one centrally located polling place located in the Illini Union, in the same room we will use for Early Voting. As you know, the Illini Union is already the normal precinct polling place for voters in Cunningham #2, so this will not be a change for them.

This consolidation will result in an easy-to-understand, more convenient voting location for the voters in these precincts, most of whom are affiliated with the University of Illinois. We believe a central, consolidated voting location used for both Early Voting and Election Day will be easier to remember and more convenient for the majority of voters in these precincts for an election that is normally lower profile and features lower turnout. In recent years, we have consolidated campus-area voting locations in this fashion for the 2013 and 2015 elections.

In 2013, the Board expressed concerns about potential inconvenience caused to the residents of Skelton Place, whose normal polling place is located in the building. We will communicate specially with voters residing in Skelton Place before the election, and encourage them to vote by mail if the Illini Union is inconvenient for Election Day voting.



This consolidation will also save expenses related to election judges, equipment, supplies, setup and rent. For many voters in these precincts, the Illini Union is conveniently located. We will ensure the change is reflected in all our published notices, website and social media channels.

Cunningham #18 and #19

For the 2016 elections, both Cunningham #18 and #19 voted in the Gymnasium at the Brookens Administration Center. We are proposing permanently changing the polling place for voters in these two precincts to the Champaign County Clerk's Office, also in the Brookens Administrative Center.

Total Ballots Cast by Precinct	2016G before Election Day	2016G on Election Day
Cunningham 18	525	206
Cunningham 19	880	382
TOTAL	1405	594

These two precincts feature some of our lowest proportions of votes cast on Election Day, with the vast majority of voters preferring to vote early or vote by mail. Our office is already an early voting location familiar to these voters, is open and equipped on Election Day to handle voters, and can accommodate the additional voters who would be impacted by shifting these two precincts on Election Day.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

RESOLUTION NO. 9851

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PLACE OF ELECTION
FOR CITY OF CHAMPAIGN #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 and #8;
AND CUNNINGHAM #3, #4 and #5**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/11-2, the County Board shall fix and establish the places for holding elections in its respective county and all elections shall be held at the places so fixed; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Champaign County seeks to ensure that voters can easily identify the location of established polling places;

WHEREAS, The County Board of Champaign County established polling places for all Champaign County precincts on January 7, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Champaign County Board, Champaign County, Illinois, that the place for holding elections in Champaign County precincts City of Champaign #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 and #8 and Cunningham #3, #4 and #5 is temporarily changed to the Illini Union at 1401 West Green Street in Urbana for the Consolidated Primary Election to be held on February 28, 2017 and the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 7, 2017; and

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED this 19th day of January, A.D. 2017.

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST:

Gordy Hulten, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board

RESOLUTION NO. 9852

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PLACE OF ELECTION
FOR CUNNINGHAM #18 AND CUNNINGHAM #19**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/11-2, the County Board shall fix and establish the places for holding elections in its respective county and all elections shall be held at the places so fixed; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Champaign County seeks to ensure that voters can easily identify the location of established polling places; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Champaign County established polling places for all Champaign County precincts on January 7, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Champaign County Board, Champaign County, Illinois, that the place for holding elections in Champaign County precincts Cunningham #18 and Cunningham #19 is changed to the Champaign County Clerk's Office, 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana.

PRESENTED, PASSED, APPROVED, AND RECORDED this 19th day of January, A.D. 2017.

C. Pius Weibel, Chair
Champaign County Board

ATTEST:

Gordy Hulten, County Clerk and
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