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MEMORANDUM TO: The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga

Chair, Prince George's County Council

FROM: Wendy N. Honesty-Bey

Acting Elections Administrator

SUBJECT: Decrease in Early Voting Centers for 2024 Presidential Elections

Due to a decrease in voter registration within Prince George's County, the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) has determined that Prince George's County Board of Elections (PGCBOE) is only required to open 11 Early Voting Centers with the option to open a 12th site for the 2024 Presidential Elections.

Voter registration during the 2022 Gubernatorial Elections was at over 600,000 registered voters and PGCBOE was required to open 13 Early Voting Centers, based on those numbers. This year voter registration is down with the current number of registered voters at 597,880.

Election Law Article, § 10-301.1(b), Annotated Code of Maryland specifies the number of early voting centers for each county. A county with fewer than 50,000 registered voters shall have 1 early voting center. A county with at least 50,000 registered voters but fewer than 100,000 registered voters shall have 2 early voting centers. A county with at least 100,000 registered voters but fewer than 200,000 registered voters shall have 3 early voting centers. A county with at least 200,000 registered voters but fewer than 300,000 registered voters shall have 5 early voting centers. A county with at least 300,000 registered voters but fewer than 400,000 registered voters but fewer than 500,000 registered voters shall have 9 early voting centers. A county with at least 500,000 registered voters but fewer than 600,000 registered voters shall have 11 early voting centers. A county with at least 600,000 registered voters shall have 13 early voting centers.

The Prince George's County Board of Elections voted and approved to remove Baden Community Center from the Early Voting list. This site was chosen based on the under performance during the last election (Baden CC

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had 720 voters in an 8-day period) and the close proximity of another Early Voting center (Southern Area Aquatic and Recreation Complex is within 5.9 miles of Baden CC).

We need the approval of the County Council before we inform SBE of our decision to remove Baden CC.

Should you need additional information, don't hesitate to contact me directly on 301-341-7340.

Regards,

Wendy N. Honesty-Bey

Wendy N. Honesty-Bey Acting Elections Administrator