

HEARING NOTICE

PROPOSED CHANGES TO VOTING DISTRICTS

THE PHILADELPHIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
HAS PETITIONED THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO
ALTER AND REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
FOLLOWING ELECTION DISTRICTS

WARD: 18TH

DIVISION: 2ND & 4TH

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED PLAN, A HEARING
IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PETITION AS FOLLOWS:

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 1, 2019

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: CITY HALL COURTROOM 513

ANY PERSONS OBJECTING TO THESE CHANGES MUST
FILE THOSE OBJECTIONS WITH THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING

THESE DIVISIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF ELECTORS
ENROLLED:

18-02 (1,224); 18-04 (654)

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
215-686-3469

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

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IN RE PETITION OF PHILADELPHIA
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

July Term, 2019
NO. 01713

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE

AND NOW, this 17 day of July, 2019, upon consideration of the Petition to redraw, revise, and modify the Election District boundaries of the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th Ward and create the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward filed by the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2704, a Rule is issued upon all interested parties to appear and show cause why an Order should not be entered authorizing the modification and revisions requested within that Petition.

This Rule is Returnable on the 1 day of August 2019, at 9:30 A.M./P.M. in Courtroom 513, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On the Return dates, Petitioner shall provide an Affidavit of Service certifying that notice has been provided by mail or hand delivery to the Democratic and Republican Ward Leaders, Committee People, and the Election Boards, and by posting for the public at large. The notice shall include a brief statement of the division, re-division, alteration, formation or consolidation of Elections Districts recommended by the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, and the date upon which argument will be considered by this Court, along with a warning that any person objecting thereto must file written objections with the Office of Judicial Records at least 24 hours before the hearing date. Such notice must be posted for at least ten (10) days, in at least five (5) public and conspicuous places in the district or districts to be affected thereby; and at least one such notice shall be posted on or in the immediate vicinity of the polling place in the district.

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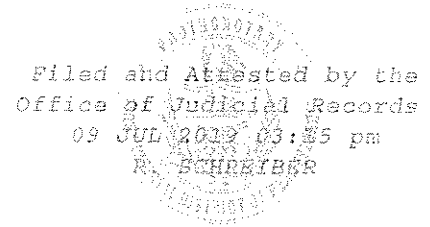
ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2019, upon consideration of this
Petition, filed on _____ day of _____ 2019, the hearing held on the _____ day
of _____, 2019, where compliance with this Court's Rule to Show Cause having been
established by Affidavit of Service certifying that notice was provided as required, and there
being no objection,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Petition to redraw,
revise and modify the Election District boundaries of the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th
Ward and create the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward, filed by the Philadelphia County
Board of Elections, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 2704, is GRANTED,
and that the boundary modifications and revisions of the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th
Ward be modified and revised and the creation of the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward be
created, as per the Chart and attachments hereto.

BY THE COURT

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**PETITION TO REDRAW, REVISE AND MODIFY THE ELECTION DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES OF THE 2ND AND 4TH ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE 18TH WARD
AND CREATE THE 19TH ELECTION DISTRICT OF THE 18TH WARD**

Petitioner, the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, by and through its undersigned counsel, 25 P.S. § 2704, petitions this Court for an order to redraw, revise, and modify the boundaries of the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th Ward and create the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward as set forth below:

1. The 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th Ward are located at the southern part of the 18th Ward.
2. The 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded by Frankford Avenue, Marlborough Street, Girard Avenue, Oxford Street, Wildey Street, Columbia Avenue, and Delaware Avenue. *See Exhibit A at 1-2.*

3. The 4th Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded by Columbia Avenue, Willey Street, Oxford Street, Girard Avenue, Marlborough Street, and Frankford Avenue. *See* Exhibit A at 3-4.

4. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward voted at the Union Hall located at 236 Richmond Street.

5. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 4th Election District of the 18th Ward voted at the Alexander Adaire School located at 1300 East Palmer Street.

6. On January 13th, 2019 the County Board of Elections were contacted by John Scott, a committeeperson in the 18th Ward, asking the Board to consider redividing the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th Ward due to their rapidly increasing voter turnout.

7. Mr. Scott proposed creating the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward to ameliorate the difficulty some electors have in crossing Girard Avenue and to reduce the overpopulation of the 2nd Election District.

8. An influx of recent residential construction in this election district has created an unusually high number of registered electors.

9. The 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward has 1,224 electors.

10. The 4th Election District of the 18th Ward has 654 electors.

11. This high number of electors creates long waiting times at the polls on Election Day, an unnecessary burden to the electors.

12. The geographic length of the 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward requires some electors to cross heavily trafficked streets to vote, an unnecessary burden to those electors.

13. According to the Pennsylvania Election Code, “[t]he county board of elections may . . . petition the court for the division or redivision of any . . . ward or election district into

two or more election districts, or for the alteration of the bounds of any election district, or for the formation of one or more election districts out of two or more existing election districts, or parts thereof.” 25 P.S. § 2704.

14. The petition must include “a map and a verbal description of the boundaries of the proposed new election districts” and “a certification of the number of electors registered in each of the resulting election districts for the immediately preceding general or municipal election.” *Id.*

15. “Upon the presentation of any such petition by the county board, the court may make such order for the division, redivision, alteration, formation or consolidation of election districts, as will, in its opinion, promote the convenience of electors and the public interests: Provided [sufficient notice is provided].” *Id.*

16. Dividing the aforementioned election districts will alleviate unnecessary burdens for these electors.

17. The proposed modification for the 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Girard Avenue, Frankford Avenue, and Marlborough Street. *See Exhibits B, C.*

18. The proposed modification for the 4th Election District of the 18th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Girard Avenue, Marlborough Street, Frankford Avenue, and Columbia Avenue. *See Exhibits B, D.*

19. The proposed creation of the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Frankford Avenue, Girard Avenue, Columbia Avenue, and Delaware Avenue. *See Exhibits B, E.*

20. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward will be the Lutheran Settlement House located at 1340 Frankford Avenue.

21. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 4th Election District of the 18th Ward will remain at the Alexander Adaire School located at 1300 E Palmer Street.

22. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 19th Election District of the 18th Ward will be the Union Hall located at 236 Richmond Street.

WHEREFORE, the Philadelphia County Board of Elections request the Court to revise, redraw, and modify the Election District boundaries of the 2nd and 4th Election Districts of the 18th Ward and create the 19th Election District of the 18th Ward according to the attached plan.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
LAW DEPARTMENT

DATED: July 9, 2019

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VERIFICATION

I, Garrett C. Dietz, for the Office of the City Commissioners, verify that the facts as set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that false statements made therein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

DATED: July 5, 2019

BY:


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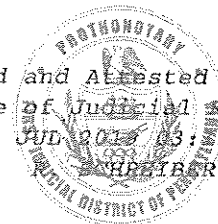
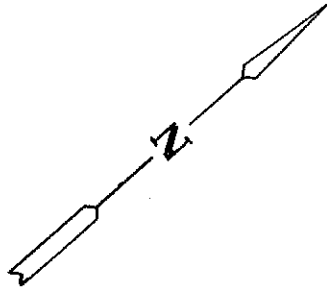
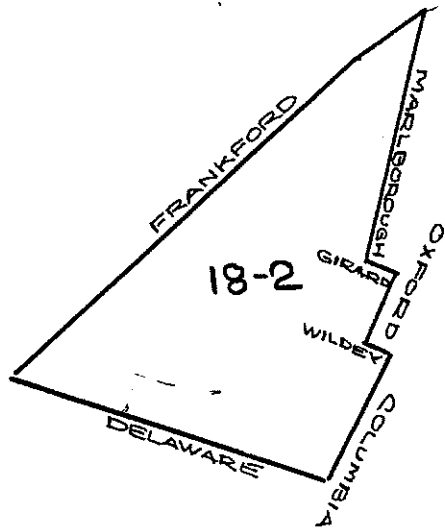


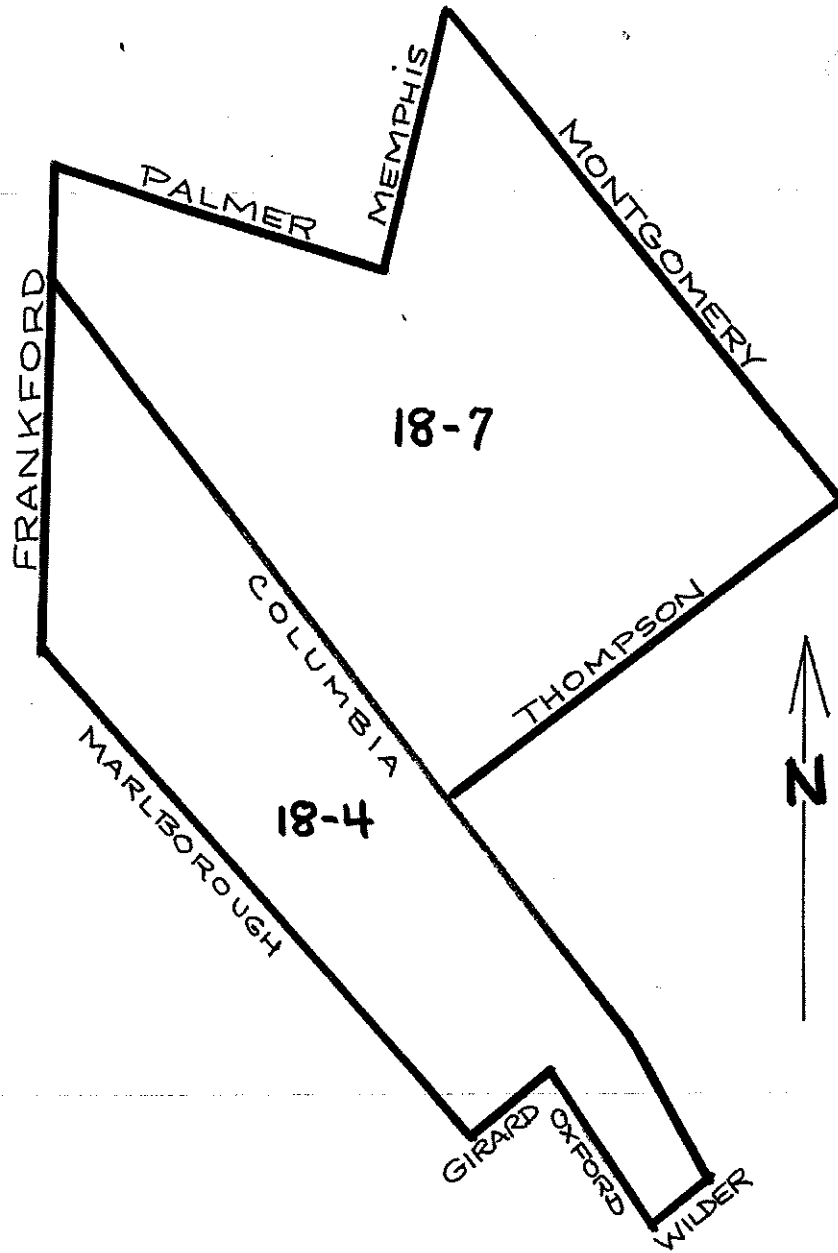
EXHIBIT "A"



The new 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of Delaware Ave. and the middle line of Frankford Ave.; thence northward along the middle line of Frankford Ave. to the middle line of Marlborough St.; thence southeastward along the middle line of Marlborough St. to the middle line of Girard Ave.; thence northeastward along the middle line of Girard Ave. to the middle line of Oxford St.; thence southeastward along the middle line of Oxford St to the middle line of Wildey St.; thence northeastward along the middle line of Wildey St. to the middle line of Columbia Ave.; thence southeastward along the middle line of Columbia Ave. to the middle line of Delaware Ave.; thence southwestward along the middle line of Delaware Ave. to the middle line of Frankford Ave., the first point and beginning.

The new 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward will have approximately 826 electors.



The present 4th Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of Wildey St. and the middle line of Columbia Ave.; thence southwestward along the middle line of Wildey St. to the middle line of Oxford St.; thence northward along the middle line of Oxford St. to the middle line of Girard Ave.; thence southwestward along the middle line of Girard Ave. to the middle line of Marlborough St.; thence northward along the middle line of Marlborough St. to the middle line of Frankford Ave.; thence northeastward along the middle line of Frankford Ave. to the middle line of Columbia Ave.; thence southeastward along the middle line of Columbia Ave. to the first point and beginning.

The present 4th Election District of the 18th Ward will have approximately 634 electors.

NO CHANGE

EXHIBIT “B”

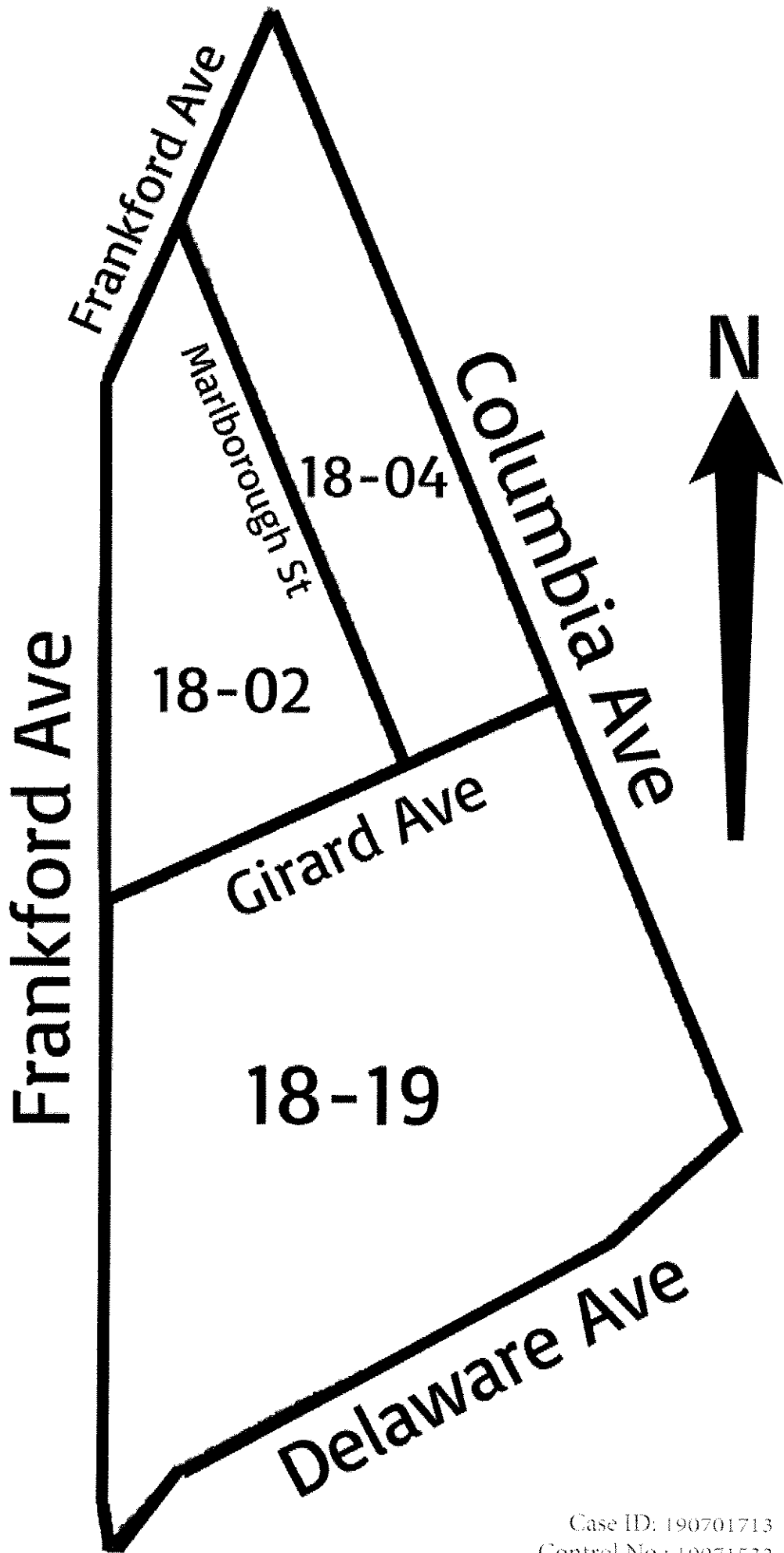


EXHIBIT “C”

The new 2nd Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the middle line of Marlborough Street and the middle line of Girard Avenue; thence westward along the middle line of Girard Avenue to the middle line of Frankford Avenue; thence northward and northeastward along the middle line of Frankford Avenue to the middle line of Marlborough Street; thence southward along the middle line of Marlborough Street to the middle line of Girard Avenue, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “D”

The new 4th Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the middle line of Columbia Avenue and the middle line of Girard Avenue; thence westward along the middle line of Girard Avenue to the middle line of Marlborough Street; thence northward along the middle line of Marlborough Street to the middle line of Frankford Avenue; thence northeastward along the middle line of Frankford Avenue to the middle line of Columbia Avenue; thence southward along the middle line of Columbia Avenue to the middle line of Girard Avenue, the first point and beginning.

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EXHIBIT “E”

The new 19th Election District of the 18th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the middle line of Delaware Avenue and the middle line of Frankford Avenue; thence northward along the middle line of Frankford Avenue to the middle line of Girard Avenue; thence eastward along the middle line of Girard Avenue to the middle line of Columbia Avenue; thence southward along the middle line of Columbia Avenue to the middle line of Delaware Avenue; thence southwestward along the middle line of Delaware Avenue to the middle line of Frankford Avenue, the first point and beginning.

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