

# 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: 48<sup>TH</sup>**

**DIVISIONS: 11<sup>TH</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>**

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 NUMBERS OF ELECTORS  
ENROLLED:

48-11 (239); 48-23 (696)

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

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

July Term, 2019

NO. 21718

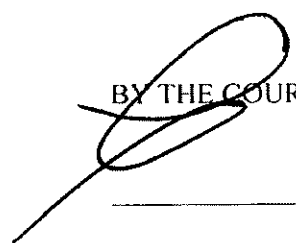
**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

AND NOW, this 17 day of July, 2019, upon consideration of the Petition to redraw, revise, and modify the Election District boundaries of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> 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.

BY THE COURT

  
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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 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward be modified and revised, 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 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE 48<sup>TH</sup> WARD**

Petitioner, the Philadelphia County Board of Elections, by and through its undersigned counsel, in accordance with 25 P.S. § 2704, petitions this Court for an order to redraw, revise, and modify the boundaries of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward as set forth below:

1. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward are in the northwestern part of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward.

2. The 11<sup>th</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward is bounded by New Hope Street, Vare Avenue, 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Tasker Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Morris Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Street, and Mifflin Street. *See* Exhibit A at 1-2.

3. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward is bounded by New Hope Street, Mifflin Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Morris Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tasker Street, and 29<sup>th</sup> Street. *See* Exhibit A at 3-4.

4. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward voted at the PHA Pre-Apprentice Program located at 1905 Vare Avenue.

5. The 11<sup>th</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward has 239 electors.

6. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward has 696 electors.

7. The current election district boundaries are based on outdated street layouts which no longer apply to the contemporary topography of the election districts.

8. The current election district boundaries have caused confusion over the proper voter registration placement.

9. 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.

10. 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.*

11. “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.*

12. Revising the aforementioned election districts will clarify district boundaries and remove confusion from the voter registration process.

13. The proposed modification for the 11<sup>th</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward will consist of the following new boundary lines: New Hope Street, Vare Avenue, Moore Street, Warfield Street, Tasker Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Morris Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Street, and Mifflin Street. *See Exhibits B, C.*

14. The proposed modification for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward will consist of the following new boundary lines: New Hope Street, Mifflin Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Morris Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tasker Street, and 29<sup>th</sup> Street. *See Exhibits B, D.*

15. The tentative polling place locations for the electors of the proposed 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward will be the PHA Pre-Apprentice Program located at 1905 Vare Avenue.

**WHEREFORE**, the Philadelphia County Board of Elections request the Court to revise, redraw and modify the Election District Boundaries of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Election Districts of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward according to the attached plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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.

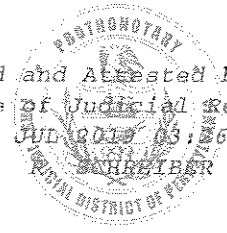
I understand that false statements made therein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

DATED: July 5, 2019

BY:

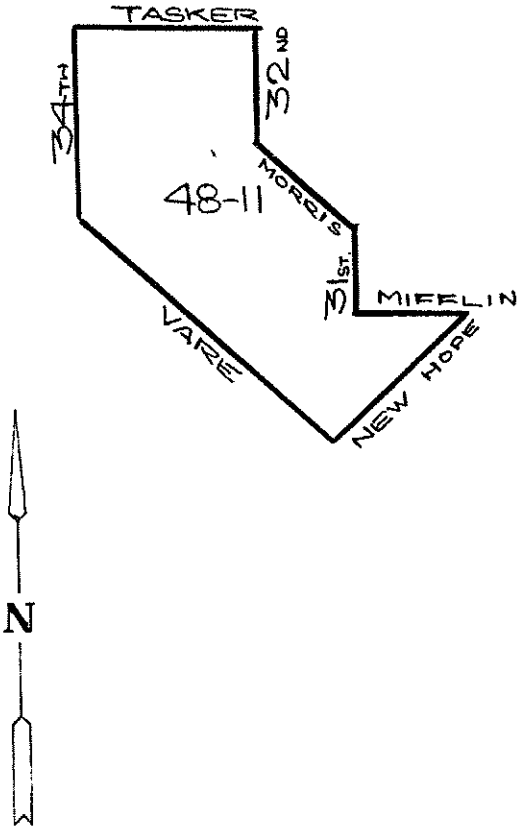
  
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# EXHIBIT "A"

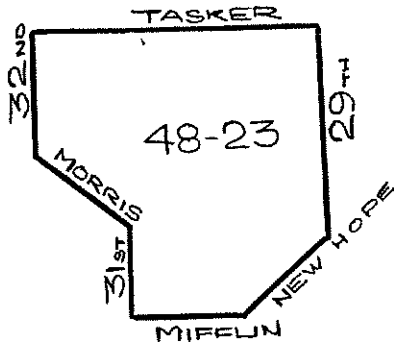




The new 11th Election District of the 48th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of Mifflin St. and the middle line of New Hope St.; thence westward along the middle line of Mifflin St. to the middle line of 31st St.; thence northward along the middle line of 31st St. to the middle line of Morris St.; thence northwestward along the middle line of Morris St. to the middle line of 32nd St.; thence northward along the middle line of 32nd St. to the middle line of Tasker St.; thence westward along the middle line of Tasker St. to the middle line of 34th St.; thence southward along the middle line of 34th St. to the middle line of Vare St.; thence southeastward along the middle line of Vare St. to the middle line of New Hope St.; thence northeastward along the middle line of New Hope St. to the middle line of Mifflin St. to the first point and beginning.

The new 11th Election District of the 48th Ward will have approximately 766 electors.



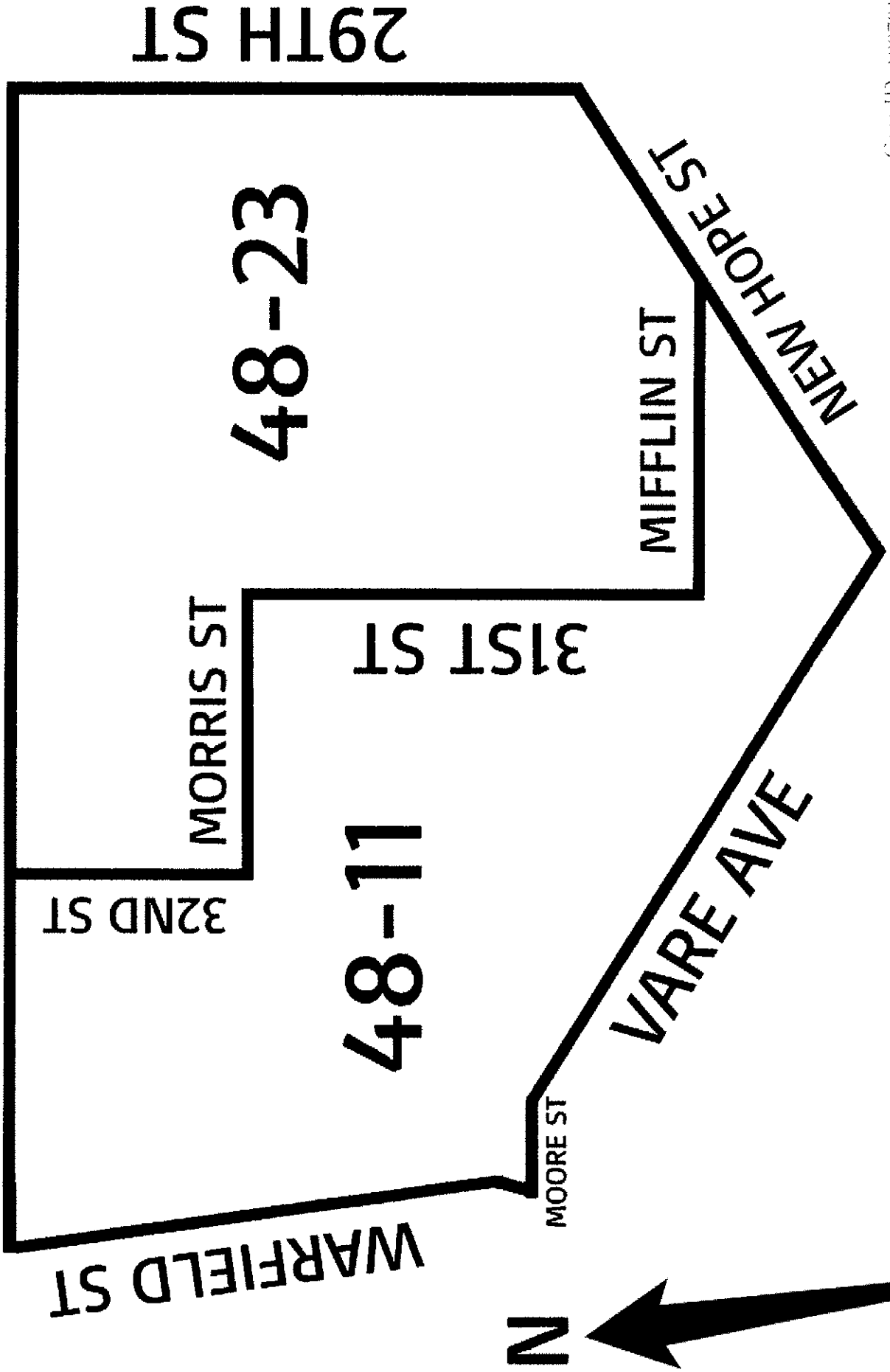
The new 23rd Election District of the 48th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 29th St. and the middle line of Tasker St.; thence southward along the middle line of 29th St. to the middle line of New Hope St.; thence southwestward along the middle line of New Hope St. to the middle line of Mifflin St.; thence westward along the middle line of Mifflin St. to the middle line of 31st St.; thence northward along the middle line of 31st St. to the middle line of Morris St.; thence northwestward along the middle line of Morris St. to the middle line of 32nd St.; thence northward along the middle line of 32nd St. to the middle line of Tasker St.; thence eastward along the middle line of Tasker St. to the middle line of 29th St. to the first point and beginning.

The new 23rd Election District of the 48th Ward will have approximately 653 electors.

# EXHIBIT “B”

**TASKER ST**



# EXHIBIT “C”

The new 11<sup>th</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of Mifflin Street and the middle line of New Hope Street; thence westward along the middle line of Mifflin Street to the middle line of 31<sup>st</sup> Street; thence northward along the middle line 31<sup>st</sup> Street to the middle line of Morris Street; thence westward along the middle line of Morris Street to the middle line of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street; thence northward along the middle line of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to the middle line of Tasker Street; thence westward along the middle line of Tasker Street and continuing along an imaginary continuation of Tasker Street to the middle line of Warfield Street; thence southward along the middle line of Warfield Street to an imaginary continuation of the middle line of Moore Street; thence eastward along the imaginary continuation of the middle line of Moore Street to the middle line of Vare Avenue; thence southeastward along the middle line of Vare Avenue to the middle line of New Hope Street; thence northeastward along the middle line of New Hope Street to the middle line of Mifflin Street, the first point and beginning.

**PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION**



# EXHIBIT “D”

The new 23<sup>rd</sup> Election District of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 29<sup>th</sup> Street and the middle line of Tasker Street; thence southward along the middle line of 29<sup>th</sup> Street to the middle line of New Hope Street; thence southwestward along the middle line of New Hope Street to the middle line of Mifflin Street; thence westward along the middle line of Mifflin Street to the middle line of 31<sup>st</sup> Street; thence northward along the middle line of 31<sup>st</sup> Street to the middle line of Morris Street; thence westward along the middle line of Morris Street to the middle line of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street; thence northward along the middle line of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to the middle line of Tasker Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Tasker Street to the middle line of 29<sup>th</sup> Street, the first point and beginning.

**PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION**