

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: 5TH

DIVISIONS: 1ST, 12TH, 13TH, & 24TH

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:

05-01 (1,373); 05-12 (1,557); 05-13 (587); 05-24 (1,617)

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. 217124

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 1st, 12th, 13th, and 24th Election Districts of the 5th Ward and create the 35th, 36th, and 37th Election Districts of the 5th 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 the 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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BY THE COURT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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NO. 01709

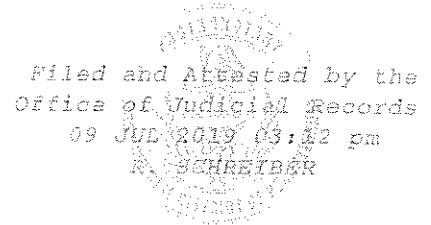
ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 2019, upon consideration of the
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 1st, 12th, 13th, and 24th Election
Districts of the 5th Ward and create the 35th, 36th, and 37th Election Districts of the 5th 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 1st, 12th,
13th, and 24th Election Districts of the 5th Ward be modified and revised and the creation of the
35th, 36th, and 37th Election Districts of the 5th Ward be created, as per the Chart and attachments
hereto.

BY THE COURT

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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July Term, 2019

NO. 01709

**PETITION TO REDRAW, REVISE AND MODIFY THE ELECTION DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES OF THE 1ST, 12TH, 13TH, AND 24TH ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE 5TH
WARD AND CREATE THE 35TH, 36TH, AND 37TH ELECTION DISTRICTS OF THE 5TH
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 1st, 12th, 13th, and 24th Election Districts of the 5th Ward and create the 35th, 36th, and 37th Election Districts of the 5th Ward as set forth below:

1. The 1st Election District of the 5th Ward is located at the southeastern part of the 5th Ward.
2. The 12th, 13th, and 24th Election Districts of the 5th Ward are located at the western part of the 5th Ward.

3. The 1st Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded by 3rd Street, Market Street, the Delaware River, Spruce Street, 2nd Street, Locust Street, Philip Place, and St. James Place. *See Exhibit A at 1-2.*

4. The 12th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded by 7th Street, Market Street, 10th Street, Locust Street, Washington Square, and Walnut Street. *See Exhibit A at 3-4.*

5. The 13th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded by 11th Street, Race Street, Broad Street, and Vine Street. *See Exhibit A at 4-5.*

6. The 24th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded by 7th Street, Market Street, Juniper Street, Filbert Street, Broad Street, Race Street, 11th Street, Vine Street, Franklin Street, and Race Street. *See Exhibit A at 7-8.*

7. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 1st Election District of the 5th Ward voted at Society Hill Towers Community Room located at 261 St. James Place.

8. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 12th Election District of the 5th Ward voted at the Bluemle Life Sciences Building located at 233 South 10th Street.

9. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 13th Election District of the 5th Ward voted at the Chinese Christian Church located at 225 North 10th Street.

10. During the 2019 Municipal Primary and Special Election, the 24th Election District of the 5th Ward voted at the Chinese Christian Church located at 225 North 10th Street.

11. An influx of recent residential construction in these election districts has created an unusually high number of registered electors in these districts.

12. The 1st Election District of the 5th Ward has 1,373 electors.

13. The 12th Election District of the 5th Ward has 1,557 electors.

14. The 13th Election District of the 5th Ward has 587 electors.

15. The 24th Election District of the 5th Ward has 1,617 electors.

16. This high number of electors (except in the 13th Election District, which would have electors added in the proposed plan) create long waiting times at the polls on Election Day, an unnecessary burden to the electors of these election districts.

17. 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.

18. 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.*

19. “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.*

20. Dividing or modifying the aforementioned election districts will alleviate unnecessary burdens for these electors.

21. The proposed modification for the 1st Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Walnut Street, Front Street, Market Street, the Delaware River,

Spruce Street, 2nd Street, Locust Street, Philip Place, St. James Place, and 3rd Street. *See* Exhibits B, C.

22. The proposed modification for the 12th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Locust Street, 8th Street, Chestnut Street, 7th Street, Walnut Street, and West Washington Square. *See* Exhibits D, E.

23. The proposed modification for the 13th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Market Street, Juniper Street, John F. Kennedy Boulevard (formerly North Penn Square), Broad Street, Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway), 11th Street, Arch Street, and 10th Street. *See* Exhibits D, F.

24. The proposed modification for the 24th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Market Street, 10th Street, Arch Street, 11th Street, Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway), and 9th Street. *See* Exhibits D, G.

25. The proposed creation of the 35th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Chestnut Street, 9th Street, Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway), Franklin Street, Race Street, and 7th Street. *See* Exhibits D, H.

26. The proposed creation of the 36th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Locust Street, 10th Street, Market Street, 9th Street, Chestnut Street, and 8th Street. *See* Exhibits D, I.

27. The proposed creation of the 37th Election District of the 5th Ward will consist of the following new boundaries: Market Street, Front Street, Walnut Street, and 3rd Street. *See* Exhibits B, J.

28. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 1st Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Society Hill Towers Community Room located at 261 St. James Place.

29. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 12th Election District of the 5th Ward will be Bluemle Life Sciences Building located at 233 South 10th Street.

30. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 13th Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Chinese Christian Church located at 225 North 10th Street.

31. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 24th Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Chinese Christian Church located at 225 North 10th Street.

32. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 35th Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Constitution High School located at 18 South 7th Street.

33. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 36th Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Bluemle Life Sciences Building located at 233 South 10th Street.

34. The tentative polling place location for the electors of the proposed 37th Election District of the 5th Ward will be the Society Hill Towers Community Room located at 261 St. James Place.

WHEREFORE, the Philadelphia County Board of Elections request the Court to revise, redraw, and modify the Election District boundaries of the 1st, 12th, 13th, and 24th Election Districts of the 5th Ward and create the 35th, 36th, and 37th Election Districts of the 5th 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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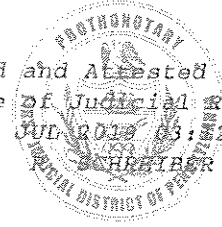
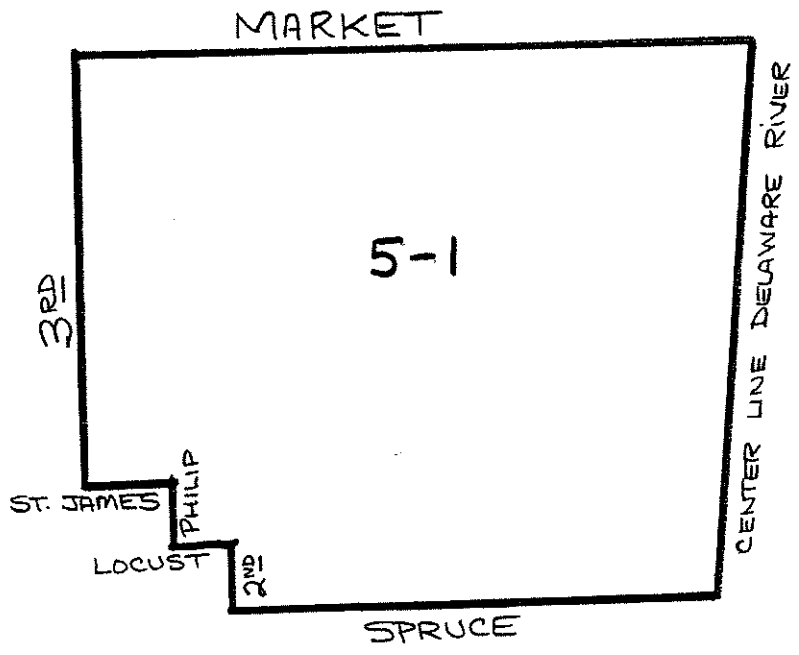
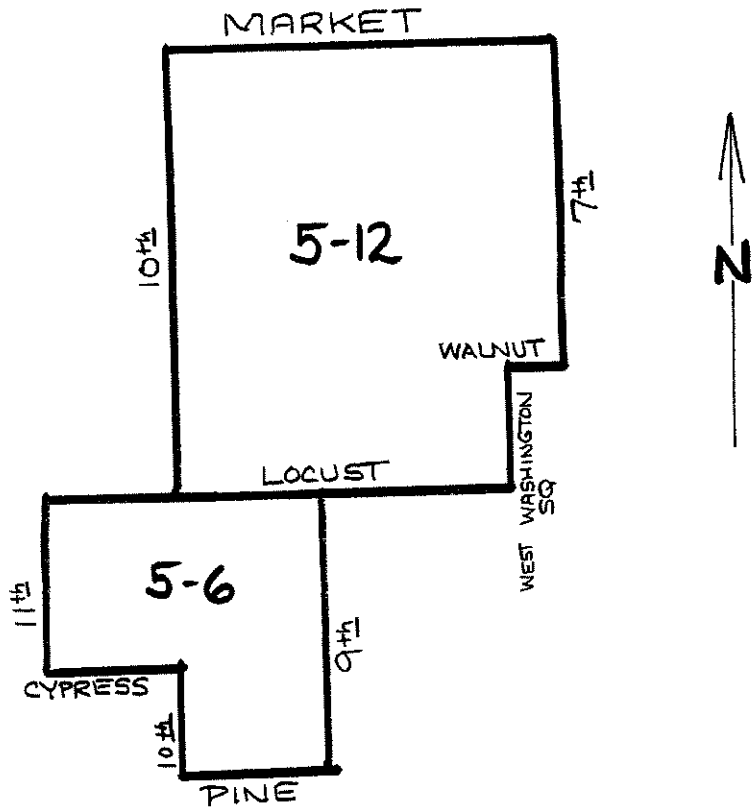


EXHIBIT "A"



The current 1st Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of the Delaware River and a continuation of the middle line of Spruce Street; thence westward along a continuation of the middle line of Spruce Street and continuing along said middle line of Spruce Street to the middle line of 2nd Street; thence northward along the middle line of 2nd Street to the middle line of Locust Street; thence westward along the middle line of Locust Street to the middle line of Philip Place; thence northward along the middle line of Philip Place to the middle line of St James Place; thence westward along the middle line of St James Place to the middle line of 3rd Street; thence northward along the middle line of 3rd Street to the middle line of Market Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Market Street and a continuation of said middle line of Market Street to the middle line of the Delaware River; thence southward along the middle line of the Delaware River to a continuation of the middle line of Spruce Street, the first point and beginning.

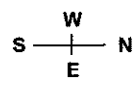
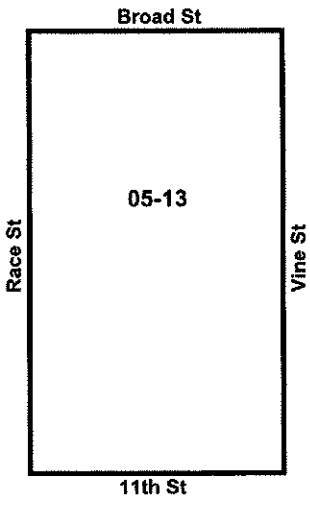


The present 12th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 10th St. and the middle line of Market St.; thence eastward along the middle line of Market St. to the middle line of 7th St.; thence southward along the middle line of 7th St. to the middle line of Walnut St.; thence westward along the middle line of Walnut St. to the middle line of West Washington Square; thence southward along the middle line of West Washington Square to the middle line of Locust St.; thence westward along the middle line of Locust St. to the middle line of 10th St.; thence northward along the middle line of 10th St. to the first point and beginning.

The present 12th Election District of the 5th Ward will have approximately 582 electors.

NO CHANGE

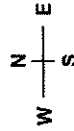
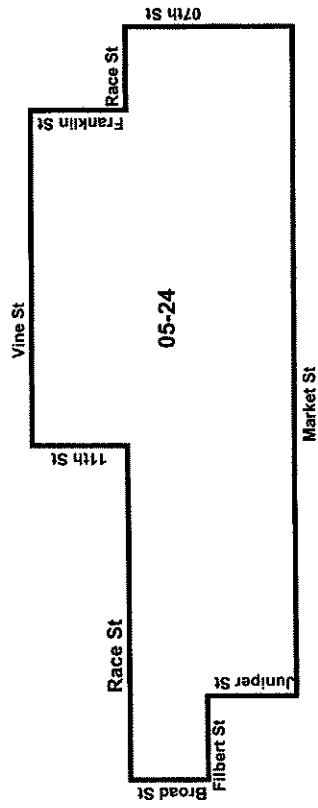


Current Precinct Boundary Map

The new 13th. Election District of the 5th. Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 6th. St. and the middle line of Market St., thence westward along the middle line of Market St. to the middle line of Juniper St., thence northward along the middle line of Juniper St. to the middle line of Filbert St., thence westward along the middle line of Filbert St. to the middle line of Broad St., thence northward along the middle line of Broad St. to the middle line of Spring Garden St. thence eastward along the middle line of Spring Garden St. to the middle line of 7th. St., thence southward along the middle line of 7th. St. to the middle line of Vine St., thence westward along the middle line of Vine St. to the middle line of Franklin St., thence southward along the middle line of Franklin St. to the middle line of Race St., thence eastward along the middle line of Race St. to the middle line of 6th. St., thence southward along the middle line of 6th. St. to the middle line of Market St. to the first point and beginning.

The new 13th. Election District of the 5th. Ward will have approximately 715 electors.



Current Precinct Boundary Map

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The current 24th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 7th Street and the middle line of Market Street; thence westward along the middle line of Market Street to the middle line of Juniper Street; thence northward along the middle line of Juniper Street to the middle line of Filbert Street; thence westward along the middle line of Filbert Street to the middle line of Broad Street; thence northward along the middle line of Broad Street to the middle line of Race Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Race Street to the middle line of 11th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 11th Street to the middle line of Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway); thence eastward along the middle line of Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway) to the middle line of Franklin Street; thence southward along the middle line of Franklin Street to the middle line of Race Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Race Street to the middle line of 7th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 7th Street to the middle line of Market Street, the first point and beginning.

EXHIBIT “B”



3rd St

05-37

Walnut St

Front St

05-01

Market St

St. James Pl

Philip Pl

Locust St

2nd St

Spruce St

Delaware River

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EXHIBIT “C”

The new 1st Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 3rd Street and the middle line of Walnut Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Walnut Street to the middle line of Front Street; thence northward along the middle line of Front Street to the middle line of Market Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Market Street and continuing along an imaginary continuation of Market Street to the middle of the Delaware River; thence southward along the middle line of the Delaware River to an imaginary continuation of Spruce Street; thence westward along an imaginary continuation of Spruce Street and continuing along the middle line of Spruce Street to the middle line of 2nd Street; thence northward along the middle line of 2nd Street to the middle line of Locust Street; thence westward along the middle line of Locust Street to the middle line of Philip Place; thence northward along the middle line of Philip Place to the middle line of St. James Place; thence westward along the middle line of St. James Place to the middle line of 3rd Street; thence northward along the middle line of 3rd Street to the middle line of Walnut Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “D”

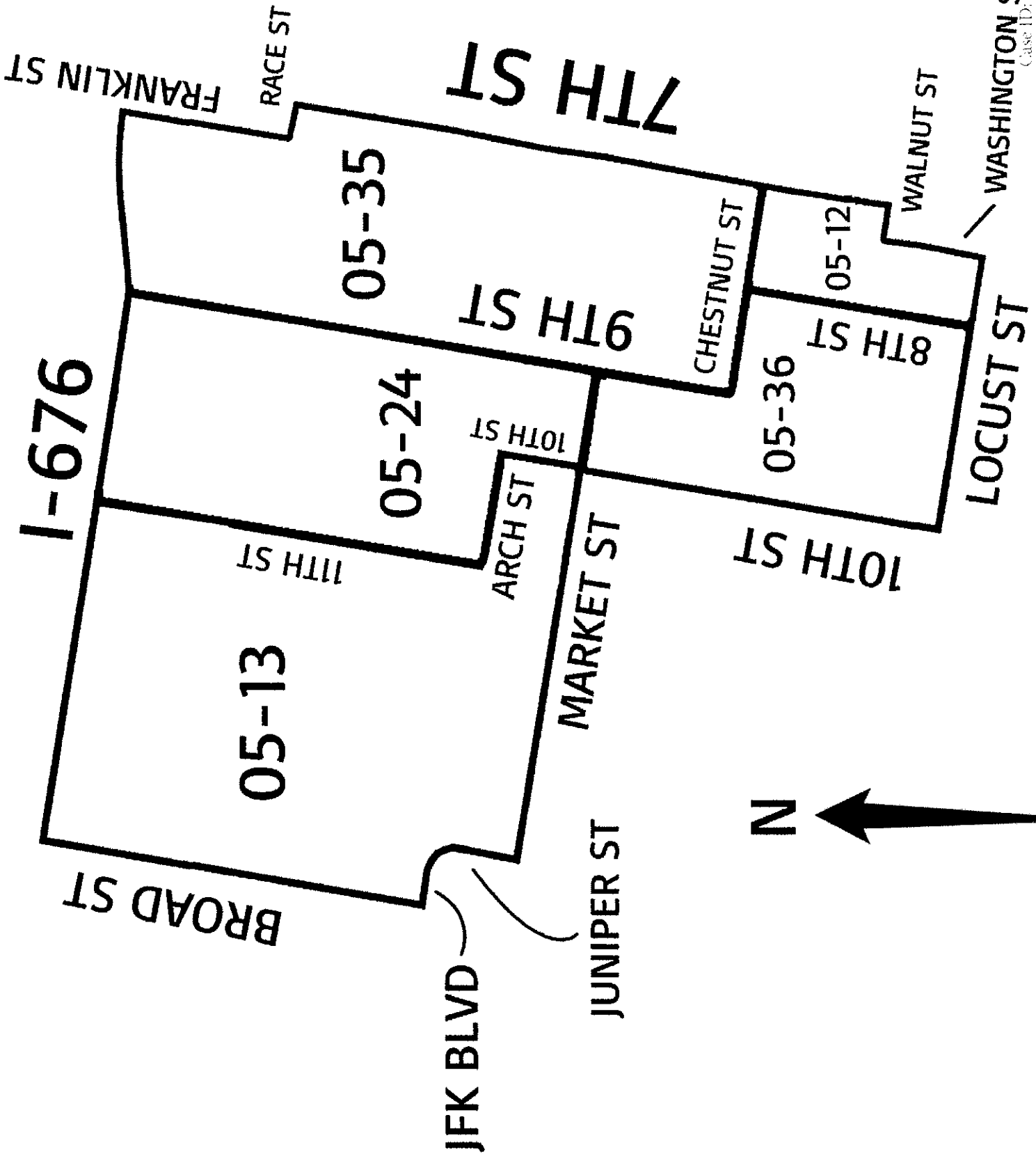


EXHIBIT “E”

The new 12th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of West Washington Square and the middle line of Locust Street; thence westward along the middle line of Locust Street to the middle line of 8th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 8th Street to the middle line of Chestnut Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Chestnut Street to the middle line of 7th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 7th Street to the middle line of Walnut Street; thence westward along the middle line of Walnut Street to the middle line of West Washington Square; thence southward along the middle line of West Washington Square to the middle line of Locust Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “F”

The new 13th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 10th Street and the middle line of Market Street; thence westward along the middle line of Market Street to the middle line of Juniper Street; thence northward along the middle line of Juniper Street to the middle line of John F. Kennedy Boulevard (formerly North Penn Square); thence westward along the middle line of John F. Kennedy Boulevard to the middle line of Broad Street; thence northward along the middle line of Broad Street to the middle line of Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway); thence eastward along the middle line of Interstate 676 to the middle line of 11th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 11th Street to the middle line of Arch Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Arch Street to the middle line of 10th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 10th Street to the middle line of Market Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “G”

The new 24th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 9th Street and the middle line of Market Street; thence westward along the middle line of Market Street to the middle line of 10th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 10th Street to the middle line of Arch Street; thence westward along the middle line of Arch Street to the middle line of 11th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 11th Street to the middle line of Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway); thence eastward along the middle line of Interstate 676 to the middle line of 9th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 9th Street to the middle line of Market Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “H”

The new 35th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 7th Street and the middle line of Chestnut Street; thence westward along the middle line of Chestnut Street to the middle line of 9th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 9th Street to the middle line of Interstate 676 (Vine Street Expressway); thence eastward along the middle line of Interstate 676 to the middle line of Franklin Street; thence southward along the middle line of Franklin Street to the middle line of Race Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Race Street to the middle line of 7th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 7th Street to the middle line of Chestnut Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “I”

The new 36th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 8th Street and the middle line of Locust Street; thence westward along the middle line of Locust Street to the middle line of 10th Street; thence northward along the middle line of 10th Street to the middle line of Market Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Market Street to the middle line of 9th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 9th Street to the middle line of Chestnut Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Chestnut Street to the middle line of 8th Street; thence southward along the middle line of 8th Street to the middle line of Locust Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT “J”

The new 37th Election District of the 5th Ward is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the middle line of 3rd Street and the middle line of Market Street; thence eastward along the middle line of Market Street to the middle line of Front Street; thence southward along the middle line of Front Street to the middle line of Walnut Street; thence westward along the middle line of Walnut Street to the middle line of 3rd Street; thence northward along the middle line of 3rd Street to the middle line of Market Street, the first point and beginning.

PROPOSED WRITTEN DESCRIPTION