



# Office of the County Clerk

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

June 8, 2009

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to propose the elimination of approximately 350 voting precincts in suburban Cook County. More than half of these precincts already share a polling place, so voters will notice little or no change. These combinations will save Cook County taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

These changes will reduce the number of precincts in suburban Cook County from 2,290 to about 1,940. This will reduce the number of judges that we require, save on training costs, cut equipment programming and delivery charges, and trim our polling place rental fees. This adds up to hundreds of thousands of dollars for each election.

With more and more voters casting early ballots, fewer people come to the polls on Election Day. The time is ripe for combining precincts and saving tax dollars.

The proposed precinct changes are located throughout suburban Cook. Attached are two maps for each township in your district—one that shows the highlighted precinct changes, and another that reflects the current configuration of precincts.

The list of precinct boundary changes has been submitted for Board approval at the June 16, 2009 Board meeting as required by law. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call Clem Balanoff at 312-603-0925.

Sincerely,

Jan A. Kralovec  
Director of Elections

Attach.

cc: David Orr  
Clem Balanoff

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