

#372

March 5 2002

Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor  
Los Angeles County  
14340 Sylvan Ave  
Suite A  
Van Nuys, California 91401

Dear Sir:

I have been referred to you to make my complaint. For over 34 years we have been voting at the school at Topeka and Superior. I now understand some smart politicians have re districted the area to get the votes they need and therefore, we now must vote at a firestation.

The Location that was picked is at the corner of Lassen and Reseda...this is a highly traveled intersection and people of our age cannot handle the high speed traffic and the fact there is "no parking" whatsoever...not even for "handicapped"...how in hell do you dare stop to park and go vote...we made it but my wife and I are really miffed that some politician decided to re arrange the cards to favor him or her..

I demand you return us to the Topeka School ..it is a public school and I am sure it does not cost the county anything to have the polls located there.....oh yes, there was some other guy sitting at the table at the firestation with all the papers and I asked what he was doing there...the ladies in charge of the ballot box said..no one knows where he is and no one is showing up..for his zipcode...what some politicians won't do to get elected????????.....you talk about Florida?? And I thought Jesse James was Dead!!!!!!

Respectfully,

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

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CONNOR B. McCORMACK  
REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

April 5, 2002

This is in response to your correspondence concerning your polling place for the March 5, 2002 Primary Election. You expressed dissatisfaction because your polling place is no longer at the Topeka Dr. Elementary School, and has been relocated to Fire Station # 70 on Reseda Boulevard.

I can understand your desire for an explanation. Your polling place was moved as a result of the redistricting process. Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, political district boundaries (congressional, state senate, state assembly, supervisorial, city council and other special districts) are adjusted to take into account population changes that have occurred over the preceding decade. Due to the reapportionment, your precinct was split by the assembly district boundary.

The Topeka Elementary School, where you have voted for years, is now within the boundaries of precinct 9006270A. In your precinct, 9001807A, we were not able to secure a polling place and the Topeka Elementary School requested that only one precinct be hosted at their facility. Thus we secured Fire Station # 70, which was the closest location available for use as a polling place for this precinct.

You expressed concern about the lack of parking at the Fire Station. Ensuring that our polling places are accessible and convenient for all of our voters is a constant goal. I have forwarded your concerns to our polls location staff in order to re-evaluate the suitability of this polling place.

We would very much like to secure a polling place within the boundaries of your precinct that is more convenient and accessible. If you are interested in offering your home as a voting location, or are aware of another suitable location within the boundaries of your precinct please contact Jay Thompson, Division Manager, Election Services Bureau at (562) 462-2731 and we will be pleased to make the arrangements. We have enclosed an application form that sites the criteria for determining polling place requirements.

I hope this letter has helped to clarify this situation which occurred in many precincts throughout the County as a result of the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Conny B. McCormack  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

cc: Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Third District

CBM: sr:  
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March 7, 2002

Ms. Conny B. McCormack,  
Registrar, - Recorder, County Clerk  
12400 Imperial Highway  
P.O. BOX 1024  
Norwalk, CA. 90651-1024

Re. CHANGE IN  
POLLING PLACE  
1824 Sunny Hgts Dr (900084)  
to 3981 San Rafael Ave (9001828A)  
MT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Dear Ms McCormack:

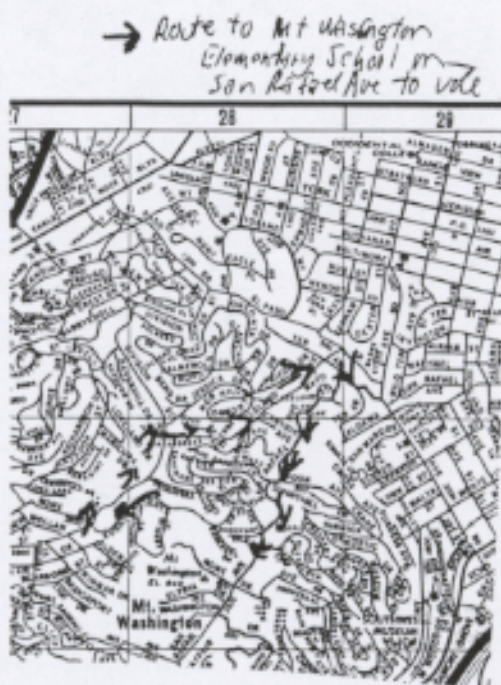
The change in polling place from 1824 Sunny Heights Dr 90065 (Precinct 9000843A) to Mt. Washington Elementary School Library, 3981 San Rafael Ave 90065 (Precinct 9001828A) must be scrapped and restored to 1824 Sunny Heights Drive for the following reasons:

1. Registered voters who live on Sunny Heights Drive close to & opposite the old polling place (1824 Sunny Heights Dr.) must drive about 2.3 miles around and up a hill through curved streets to reach the school to cast their votes.
2. The new polling place is difficult to access at night since the polls close at 8:00PM.
3. If the old polling place is not restored, it will discourage voters from casting their votes.
4. The tract where we live consist of 220 homes which has two entrances-exits off of Division St. - Primavera Ave & Sunny Heights Drive
5. Neighbors, whose polling place were changed to Mt. Washington Elementary, voiced their dis belief and that the change was ill-advised and makes no sense.

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For your information, this is the route to vote.



A response within a month concerning your action is appreciated. Also please send me a copy of the criteria for determining and locating a polling place.  
(Note 1824 Sunny Heights Drive has been our polling place for the past twenty years)

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Copy: Gloria Molina, Supervisor First District



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CONNIE B. McCORMACK  
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March 22, 2002

This is in response to your correspondence regarding your polling place for the March 5, 2002 Primary Election. Both in your correspondence and in follow-up phone calls to our office you expressed dissatisfaction because the polling place where you vote is no longer at the residence located across the street from your home and instead is at the Mt. Washington Elementary School.

I can understand your frustration at this change in your voting location and your desire for an explanation. Your polling place was moved as a result of the redistricting process. Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, political district boundaries (congressional, state senate, state assembly, supervisorial, city council and other special districts) are adjusted to take into account population changes that have occurred over the preceding decade. Sunny Heights Dr. is one of the many new dividing lines between the new political district boundaries. The enclosed map shows your precinct (Pct. 9001828A) outlined in yellow and the neighboring precinct (9000843A) shaded in gray. The Sunny Heights residence where you voted for years is now within the boundaries of precinct 9000843A and not in your precinct. As a result of redistricting, the candidates on your precinct's ballot are different than the candidates on the ballot for your neighboring precinct. When we must create a "double poll" in one location, which we needed to do in the case of your precinct as we were unable to secure a polling location within your precinct's boundaries, we locate double polls in larger public buildings such as schools. Residences cannot accommodate two separate precinct boards with separate rosters of voters and the number of voting booths needed for different ballot groupings for two precinct's voters.

You mentioned the tract area where you reside consists of 220 homes. We would very much like to secure a polling place at a residence within the boundaries of your precinct. If you are interested in offering your home as a voting location, or are aware of another suitable location within the boundaries of your precinct, please contact Jay Thompson, Division Manager, Election Services Bureau at (562) 462-2731 and we will be pleased to make the arrangements. We have enclosed an application form that sites the criteria for determining polling place requirements.

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